

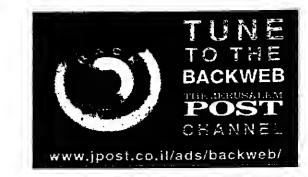




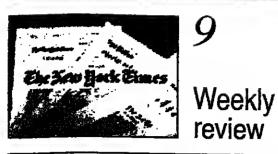
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Mossad's Yatom credited for revealing Gil

By JAY BUSHINSKY

Mossad head Danny Yatom was responsible for revealing that it was Yehuda Gil himself, and not Gil's Syrian contact, who was responsible for the false information being reported about Syria, several sources concurred yester-

day. A security source was quoted by

Gil affair playing well in Damascus, Page 2

the Itim news agency as saying: "Whoever contends that the former Mossad director, Shabtai Shavit, as early as 1991 dealt with the false information said to have been provided by Gil and that he sought his replacement, is deceiving the pohlic,"

clandestine meetings be claimed

to be having, oever took place at

al attention tabe According to Itim, it was wheo Yatom, Shavit's successor, took office that Gil's reliability was 1.1.1 first iovestigated. It was then 14:17:27.72 that the emphasis shifted from doubt about Gil's source to suspicioo of Gil himself. He was tailed hy Mossad personnel as suspicioos mounted that the

Channels 1 and 2 reported that Gil, who speaks fluent Arahic, met his Syrian source in Europe, generally preferring Paris, and paid ample sums in cash for the data

obtained from him. These contacts began well over a decade ago, sources said. The Syrian reportedly retired in

1985, but Gil allegedly feigned additional meetings with him and invented or recycled the data they supposedly produced,

A veiled reference to the Syrian link appears in ex-Mossad agent Victor Ostrovsky's book By Way nf Deception. Ostrovsky tells of an Arah "Sunni Moslem" named Magid who "nooced a welldressed man sitting in his hotel lobhy studying a chess book and a

board.' This was said to have occurred in Copenhagen, in the summer of 1985.

"The two men struck op a cooversation," Ostrovsky goes on. 'Magid was always thrilled to talk chess, and for the next two-and-ahalf hours, he and a new-found friend, who had iotroduced him-self as Mark, a Canadian entrepre-neur -a Christian of Lehanese hackground - talked about the game they loved.

"Mark, in reality, was Yehuda Gil, one of a pool of [case officers] stationed in Brussels and assigned to make initial contact with

Neeman, Peretz reach pension deal

By MICHAL YUDELMAN and DAVID HARRIS

A general strike that paralyzed the country for five days ended last night with a clear victory for the Histadrut labor federation, which achieved almost everything it set out to do.

Strike damage estimate up to NIS 300m., Page 3

Hundreds of thousands of striking workers began returning to work at 10 last oight, after Histadrut Chairman Amir Peretz and Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman came to an agreement.

The Histadrut's most significant achievement was in forcing the government to consult with it on economic policy.

The way to the agreement was payed when National Labor Court President Steve Adler postponed hearing contempt of court suits and called both sides into his chambers to hammer out a compromise.

The Treasury agreed to rescind plaos to tax study funds, and



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It's not a Histadrut activist but a tourist from Scatiand who flashes a V-for victory sign yesterday at Ben-Gurion Airport after learn-ing that the general cirilie was over and by pould ity home. Story, Page 3 (Un Oscentry verbal Sun) (Una Ostenday ver h.rael Sun)

to be made in the pensions system. Peretz said that "the battle was about whether the workers have a right to be partners, to lift up their

Pact sets framework for pension changes

compromise over the agreement

signed between then-finance

minister Avraham Shohat and

Histadrut Chairman Amir Peretz

in May 1996, during the last days of the Labor governmeot.

made an adjustment fur those

workers whose pensions are computed on the basis of their

average salary over their entire

working career, as opposed to

those whose pensions are com-

puted under the "new system" - on the basis of their last three

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The Shohat-Peretz agreement

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MK Ori Orr (Labor), a former deputy defense minister, was quoted as saying the suspicion of Gil's activity began during Sbavit's term, but that the acoons undertakeo at that time did not lead to his exposure. Orr also credited Yatom with having succeeded in trapping Gil.

Magid. Not that it was Magid they

for a probe into the way in which the affair was leaked to the news media.

retirement – lawyer

Yehuda Gil started goiog astray three or four years ago, after he retired from the Mossad and started working for them as a voluntcer, his lawyer, Yigal Sbapira, told The Jerusalem Post yester-

day. The arrested Mossad agent has been accused of filiog false reports for two decades.

Gil was detained on November 3 and formally charged on November 7, said Shapira, who was employed hy the Mossad before going into private prac-tice. He said he had agreed to represent Gil because be was "a

personal friend who had slipped up. According to Shapira, Gil had chalked up an excellent record over the 20 years or so he wurked for the service and felt sure the court would take this into account

when sentencing him. Shapira maintained that his client had broken under the pressure to constantly provide new information from a source that

was drying up. He indicated that this was the point when Gil began to fabricate information.

"Gil is a perfectionist and this was his tragic flaw," Shapira said. "He was too rigid and could unt accept there was something he could not do [get new informadon from his source]. He was always the cool, strong type who knew bow to get oot of difficul-ties in the field and to come out a

winner." rol. Tel Astr.

wanted. It was his brother Jadid, a ministerial-level official with the Syrian military whom they hoped to recruit," Ostrovsky adds. MK Gideon Ezra (Likud) called

Gil went bad upon

By BATSHEVA TSUR

Asked why Gil conónued to volunteer if be felt forced to fabricate information, Shapira said: Once a soldier, always a soldier."

Shapira hastened to add that Gil is guilt-ridden and keeps repeating that he has no explanation for his behavior.

"He was in a difficult emotional situation," Shapira said, referring to reports that there were fears bis clieot would try to commit suicide, "but he has come out nf it. He is strong."

Shapira said the charges of spying were "merely technical. You don't spy when you give informa-

oon to a recognized agency." All thuse interviewed have gone on record as saying that no actual damage was done to the country, Shapira maintained, referring to implications that Gil had falsely warned that Syria was preparing for war.

Ooly the charge relating to passing un fraudulent information might hold some water, Shapira said. But he felt "sure the judges would consider Gil's previous record" on this count.

In an interview with Israel Radio, Shapira was asked about reports that Gil's source on Syria had died.

"Absolutely nut. It is a lie. The source was supposed to receive money, and did. There are nn differences of opinion about that," he said.

But Shapira confirmed that some money that Gil received, presumably to pay his source, bad remained in Gil's house, and had been turned niver to investigators. He would not elaborate.

Shapira praised the Mossad for detecong the fabrication. "You have to remember that

[the Mossad heads] had trust [in Gil] and that the information he was providing was good, so that there was no apparent room for suspicion. Io the past few years, they started to realize that things were being rehashed. They caught on.

promised not to violate pensioo agreements. The agreement also calls for immediately opeoing negotiations over wage agreements.

Two issues left for later talks were the transioon from budgetary pensions to accumulated pensions, via the pension funds and deciding whether income eligible for pension deductions would be the average wage or twice this sum.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahti said last night he was glad that the strike was over. At a reception at the Tel Aviv Museum celebrating the transfer of Bank Hapoalim shares to Ted Arison's group, Netanyahu said he hoped the agreements reached would spare the country unneeded expense, while permitting changes

heads, to insist oo their rights and make demands, or are mere pawns in the game." "I told Neeman we will not have

a state of masters and slaves here. If we've achieved that, if we've won, then it's worth any price we've paid." Peretz said. .

Peretz said he hoped the Histadrut would be recognized as a full partner on issues such as the state budget, health insurance,

"I hope he [Neeman] now realizes that his bullying, brutal tactics, which left an entire public feeling homiliated, ignored and despised, were wrong," Peretz said.

Turkey defends pact with Israel

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN and news agencies

Turkey has rebuffed growing pressure from Arah states to cancel its military pact with Israel, and will be rolling out the red car-pet for Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, who arrives in Ankara today.

But in Teheran, representatives gathering for the Organization of the Islamic Conference, led by Syria, are seeking a strong con-demnation of Turkey for the militarv alliance.

Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Sbara said yesterday that the head of the Turkish delegation had promised, after Moslem foreign ministers had discussed the issue. that the accord with Israel would be allowed to lapse.

But Turkey's Minister of State for Fnreign Affairs Ahat Andican later denied that he had made such a promise.

What I said is that there is an agreement between Turkey and Israel and it's a training agreement and it's not against any other Islamic country or third country,"

Andican rold Reuters. "It's a training agreement. It works now and it will stay," he said, adding that Shara must have misunderstood his remarks, at a recent Islamic conference in Teheran.

"There was a mistake in translation 1 think," Andican said. "1 did not say we were canceling [the agreement] or anything like this." The resolution being drafted in Teheran was toned down by other

child allowances, privatizatinn and structural changes. See STRIKE, Page 2

Arab states to avoid raising tensions with Ankara. In Tel Aviv, a seninr defense

source praised the position taken by Turkey, but noted that Ankara did not want its special relacions with Israel in come at the expense nf its relations with other countries in the region.

"We are stressing to the Turks and to our neighbors in the region that none of our links with Turkey are aimed at harming any third part in the Middle East," the seninr nfficial said. Israel has signed a similar military pact with Greece, but it

remains an agreement in principle, since Athens is reluctant to further develop defense ties. Mordechai's visit is the first by an Israeli defense minister to

Turkey. He is m be received at the highest levels today, meeting with the Prime Minister Mesut Yilmaz, Defense Minister Ismet Sezgin, and the chairman of the partia-ment, who is standing in for President Suleyman Demirel, who

is abroad. He will also meet with Chief uf General Staff Gen. Ismail Karadayi and other top Turkish

military officials. The close defense relations have opened the door to lucrative military deals and joint projects. But defense officials said that Mordechai is not on a "marketing and acquisition visit," hut plans to

discuss the political and defense relationship in general. During his visit, Mordechai will travel to istanbul and be hosted by the Jewish community there.

By DAVID HARRIS

The agreement lays down the framework for transferring new state employees' pensions from the state hudget to provident funds.

The government actuarial deficit under the current system is estimated hy the Treasury at NIS 163 billion for government workers and some NIS 300h. for the whole public sector.

If the status quo were allowed to continue, there would be no money for education, defense, and other key services, claimed Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman. "The hurden is larger than the entire [gross domestic]

always higher, since one's earn-The understanding between ings in one's last years of work the two sides also contains a

tend to be highest. The Sbohat-Peretz document stated that those who retired during the five years subsequent to October 1996 would be entitled to an addition to their pension equal to 60% of the difference (if there is a difference) between that pension and a pension that would have been calculated under the new system.

Under the original agreement, that payment could amount to up to NIS 2,500 a month for five years. The new arrangement allows for NIS 650 per month, hut for an unrestricted period.

"Sometimes the waves overlap,

times the sea is calm, but the feelings

of turmoil constantly exist; its

strength changes but the currents are

Rantisi maintained that Hamas's

political and military wings are sep-

arate entities and that any threats

regarding further attacks come from

Hamas's military wing, known as

In the past, Rantisi has been quot-

ed as saying that Israel remains a

common enemy of Hamas and the

Palestinian Authority. He has

always there."

Izzadin Kassam.

Hamas leader Rantisi tells 'Post': Intifada can restart any time

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH and MOHANIMED NAJIB

On the eve of the tenth anniversary of the intifada, the Hamas leader in Gaza, Dr. Abdul Aziz Rantisi, said that the flame of confrontation still burns within the Palestinian people, and that it could explode at a suitable moment

In an interview with The Jerusalem Post, Rantisi maintained that it was Hamas which encouraged the uprising in December 1987, by calling out from the mosques for people to protest in response to an accident involving an Israeli semi-trailer, which collided with a Palestinian vehicle, killing four passengers and injuring 10.

Pent-up feelings of injustice led to the explosion of protests, he said. The intifada forced the Palestinian people to face a reality and the continual injustice wrought

By MARILYN RENRY

NEW YORK - It's not true that

Jewish girls "don't dn that."

Police Insp. Jane Perlov, 41, a

Jewish woman who has been

breaking gender barriers since she

joined the New York Police

Department, smashed another one

last week when she was promoted

Back io 1981, though, Perlov's mother, Dadie, cried when she

heard her daughter wanted to be a

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to chief of detectives in Queens.

upon them by Israel. Their inner themselves against the Israeli fears and frustration were translated aggression and occupation, they will externally in the shape of stones. revive the Jihad [holy war]," he said. declaracions, rallies and protest Rantisi compared the intifada to marches and then the people the sea. regrouped and headed into direct and crash down around us, other confrontation."

Most mainstream Palestinian groups consider the intifada as having ended in 1993, with the signing of the Oslo Accords.

But Rantisi, whose organization opposes the peace agreements, charged that "today the Israeli goverament continues to treat the Palestinians in a similar fashion, kindling the intifada flame felt by the people. It is only a matter of time before it explodes again."

Ranósi vowed that his group's struggle against Israel would continue for as long as Israel occupies Palestinian land.

demanded that the PA resist US and Israeli pressures to take action "The intifada goals are numerous, against Hamas, claiming that this

Palestinians will continue to defend would cost Palestinians their unity.

Not a job for a 'nice Jewish girl'

Perlov starts her new job today, supervising 514 officers. Her style, she told the New York Post, is: "Rather than say, "Charge!,' I say, "Follow me!"

Perlov, who was raised in an Upper West Side apartment filled

with painongs, books, and Oriental rugs, began her police career patrolling the streets of Harlem. One night, a raid on a drug den found Perlov, whn is 1.58 meters tall, and her fellow officers up against a locked metal

"They all looked at me and said, 'Jane, why don't you kick it in?" Perlov told the Times.

thought of every John Wayne movie I'd ever seen, and I kicked it. And it opened,"

"l tald her: 'One, Jewisb girls don't do that. And two, you have to finish college.' The third thing was, 'We must never, never tell Grandma,' and we did-o't. She thought Jane was a lawyer," she recalled for The

New York Times.

door

"So I closed my eyes and

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in brief

Soldier wounded in Lebanon

A soldier was lightly wounded by mortar fire in south Lebanon last night. The incident bappened while troops were on patrol in the eastern sector of the security zone. The soldier was given first aid in the field and did not require further treatment. Meanwhile, reports from Lebanon said two Hizbullah activists were killed by IDF troops in the past few days, without giving details of where or when. The reports gave rise to speculation that they were among the three people who were killed in explosions near Majdal Salim village, north of the security zone. on Friday. David Rudge

US officials to discuss Swiss bank issue

Some 200 American public finance officials will meet in New York today to review Switzerland's handling of war-era assets and the question of sanctions against its banks. The conference is being convened by New York City Controller Alan Hevesi, one of a handful of finance officers who this fall imposed sanctions on Swiss banks Marilyn Henry

Peace Now: Construction up in settlements

There was a 23 percent rise to construction in the settlements in the second quarter of the year, Peace Now charged vesterday. Publishing findings for the second quarter, the movement said 320 homes are currently under construction, compared to 260 in the first three months of the year. The construction of public housing rose 62.5%, 130 bomes compared to 80 in the first quarter. Private construction rose 5%, 190 compared to 180.

The movement said that according to a survey published by the Central Bureau of Statistics, a total of 2.920 units are currently being constructed, compared to 2,870 in the first quarter. Margot Dudkevitch

B'tselem: 1,346 killed by IDF in intifada

To mark the 10th anniversary of the outbreak of the intifada, B'tselem published a list of Israeli human rights infringements against the Palestinians. The organization claims that 1,346 Palestinians were killed by soldiers and security forces since December 9, 1987, 276 of whom were children. Undercover units killed 162 Palestinians and 133 Palestinians were killed by Israeli civilians. The reports states that 256 Israeli civilians were killed by Palestinians, 18 of whom number were children. Palestinians killed 127 Israel security men and soldiers. Margot Dudkevitch

No-confidence debate today

The Knesset is scheduled to debate three no-confidence motions, filed by Labor, Meretz with Hadash and the Democratic Arab Party, this afternoon. The motions deal with both political-diplomatic Liat Collins issues, including redeployment, and the economy.

Discussion on Eva Braun exhibit

The Israel Museum is to hold a discussion of its controversial installatioo "Live and Die as Eva Braun," at 11 a.m. today at its Springer Auditorium. Participating are the exhibition's creator, Roee Rosen; and Roger Rothman, a doctoral candidate at New York's Columbia University, who wrote the supplementary text for the Artist's Book published in connection with the exhibition. Meir Ronnen

With deep sorrow we announce the passing of our dear

BERNARD (BOOBY) SMALLER

Final map won't be ready for Albright

By JAY BUSHINSKY

The final map being drawn up by the four-man cabinet committee on the next redeployment in the West Bank may not be ready when Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu meets US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright again on December 17, but its general outline and the concepts behind it are almost certain to be in hand. This assessment by informed quarters was based on the commit-

tee's latest session which was held yesterday shortly after Netanyahu's return from Paris, after where he conferred twice with Albright on the redeployment issue. Netanyahu briefed the committee on the talks.

NEWS

Defense Minister Yitzhak and National Mordechai Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon met privately prior to the four-sided deliberations with Netanyahu and Foreign Minister David Levy.

saw eye to eye on their respective

This enabled the plenum to appoint two subcommittees of topographical and security experts drawn from Mordecbai's and Sharon's staffs to "crystallize" a map which, according to political sources, will be a "map of national interests and security."

Although its lines of demarcation of territory to be ceded to the Palestinian Authority and that to

unfurled before Albright, the sources doubted that it would be complete in time for Netanyahu's

next meeting with her. In discussing the cartographical concepts, however, Netanyahu evidently will be able to specify the sectors Israel intends to keep when the permanent arrangement with the PA is formalized.

The sources credited Netanyahu with having succeeded in convincing Albright and her aides of

During the one-on-one, the two be retained eventually will be Israel's need for security zones. They said he elaborated on this at his meeting with her in Paris on Friday and predicted that he will be able to present a coherent territorial plan (though not an actual map) to her at their forthcoming talks.

Because of Mordechai's departure for an official visit to Turkey. the four-member cabinet committee will not reconvene until after his scheduled return on Wednesday, Itim reported.

Gil affair playing **France:** Next move in well in Damascus peace process up to Israel

PARIS (Reuters) - The next move in reviving the Middle East peace process is up to Israel, French Foreign Minister Hubert Vedrine said vesterday.

Vedrice, who discussed the Middle East situation with US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright yesterday after meeting Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Friday, said France feels that Israel's plans for a promised West Bank troop pullback are "insufficient." Vedrine made the remarks dur-

ing an interview on Luxembourg television RTL.

President Jacques Chirac made similar comments after meeting Netanyahu on Saturday, according to his spokeswoman, telling the Israeli leader he is pessimistic about the prospects for peace and that long delays in the peace process are a threat to Israel's

security. Duriog the RTL interview, Vedrine repeatedly ducked reporters' questions on whether he still considers Netanyahu's policies to be "catastrophic," as he bad said in September.

That remark had triggered strong criticism of France from African lour.

Israeli officials.

Vedrine also repeatedly refused to say whether he believes Israel truly wanted peace.

Netanyahu had travelled to Bonn and Paris in receot days to brief French and German leaders on the redeployment plan.

Leaders in both countries said after hearing the plans that more is needed on Israel's part. Albright was staying overnight in Paris again and is scheduled to

meet French Prime Minister Lionel Jospin early today before setting off on a seven-natioo

The "Case of the Spy Who said, the whole episode could, Lied to His Headquarters" is paradoxically, help create a better

"This was not the first time the Mossad fed disinformation to the Israeli government, and it was not the first time also that the Israeli government built its policies on such fabricated reports," wrote

the English-language Syria Times yesterday, in its first review of the Yehuda Gil affair. The paper then went oo to ask,

The question now is whether take some time, but the Syrians the Israeli government will continue its intransigent policies or will reassess its wrongly based

position on peace-making?" The Gil affair will initially lead to verbal Syrian attacks oo Israel for fanning the flames of war, said Gabriel Ben-Dor, a Haifa University political science professor who specializes in Syria. But at a latter stage, he said, the incident may actually serve to "clear the air" between the two countries.

The two comments in the Syria Times dovetail well with that analysis.

"Initially, the episode will reinforce the perception in Syria that Israel does not want peace, and that it is looking for another round of fighting, and is preparing all kinds of excuses for this," Ben-Dor said.

been reports in the Syrian press "affair;" They will now "Clamp that the affair proves Israeli - down on anything and everything, intransigence, and how there are ... and will do everything to ensure elements in the Israeli security ... that this doesn't happen again." community who are not interested in peace with Syria, and are trying to misrepresent Syria's real intentions to the Israeli public and the whole world.

This initial, knee-jerk reaction .

undoubtedly generating as much interest amoog the Damascus elite as it is in Jerusalem. "When they analyze this in

"When they analyze this in greater depth," Ben-Dor said, they will realize that as long as the tense relationship continues, such misunderstandings can always arise, so there will be an interest in clearing the air. What Gil sent seemed

IN CONTEXT

like credible information; there was no other way to get reliable information. It might

will realize there are those at the lower level in Israel who are interested in keeping up the tension, and misleading the government." Ben-Dor said that in the past, prior to Camp David, confidence-building measures took place between Egypt and Israel when their respective leaders concluded that they might not be getting objective informatioo on the other side through their various intelligence channels.

Rafi Eitan, for years one of the Mossad's central pillars, told Israel Radio that Syria will obviously clamp down hard on its governing circle in an effort to plug any remaining security leaks. He said that the episode "undoubtedly" compromised some of the Mossad's methods of operation.

But the Syrians, said Ben-Dor, + - He said there have already were clearly not surprised by the

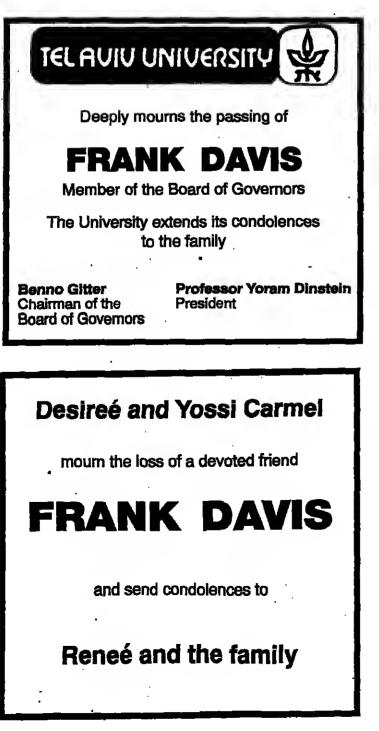
He said, bowever, that the Syrians realize that their upper echelon is "full of corruption," and are not surprised "that people can be bought off with money. Things like this happen all the

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who has been released from his suffering.

The funeral will take place today, Monday, December 8, 1997, 9 Kislev, at 1 p.m. at the Herzliya Cemetery (Rehov Pinsker). We shall meet at the gates.

Mourned by: His wife, Bashe His children, Mirlam Smaller Baumgarten, Shoshana Battat, Adi, Shulamit Bash and their families





Visiting chop-shop

Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani yesterday visits a chop-shop that was discovered last week in Tel Aviv. (Ilan Ossendryver/Israel Son)

STRIKE **Continued from Page 1**

This time, since the agreement was sponsored by the court, I hope il would not occur to Neeman lo violate it," Peretz added. He apologized for the bardships the strike caused the public, but said that "a society which wants a recognized and protected workers'

class, must accept the temporary suffering." Peretz said that the Treasury had agreed several months ago to accept the pension agreement

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last elections. Neeman had argued that the agreement was illegal. The end of the crisis followed a stormy day of protests in which thousands of angry workers took to the streets, blocking thoroughfares and intersections around the

country. Many were angered by reports that Neeman was backing down on agreements reached on Saturday night.

All-night talks between the Treasury and the Histadrut broke down at dawn yesterday jusi as an

agreement seemed immineot, after signed by former finance minister Histadrut officials learned that Avraham Sbohat just before the Netanyahu had signed emergency back-to-work orders before he weot abroad last Wednesday.

AI 5 a.m., the sides had reached agreement, according to Peretz, but by 5.45 a.m. Neeman bad changed his mind once again.

"The time has come for the cinzens of Israel to realize that they're doing business with a man [Neeman], with who it is impossi-ble to finalize agreements," Peretz accused, as he entered Labor Court yesterday morning.

Thousands of workers burned tires and blocked the Jerusalem road leading to the courthouse in a demonstration of solidarity for Peretz, who was hoisted on supporters' shoulders when he arrived to answer the state's contempt of court suits.

Posters were also draped on the side of the court building saying, "Neeman is unreliable" and "Neeman the usurper."

Neeman, who arrived tightly surrounded by dozens of security guards, was jeered, booed and splashed with water hoses as the workers yelled "Neeman, resign"and "Neeman, go home." Agreement was reached only in

the evening, with an exchange of faxes between Peretz and Neeman.

Neeman said the agreements could have been reached without a strike, which he said did damage that "was tremendous - to exports, to the tourist industry and the name of the State of Israel.

Neeman also criticized strike leaders, and alleged that they did not represent the nation's poor. "It must be clear, Treasury poli-

cy is to defend those whose wages are low," he said. Neeman denied allegations that he had sought to break the back-

bone of the Histadrut. "The workers need a strong Histadrut, bui it must be responsible." he said_

could be heard in a Radio Damascus commettary over the weekend:

"The information published in Israel about the Mossad's mistakes shows that that organization is a nest of fabrications and lies, to say uothing of its role in employing terror against others." But on second blush, Bet-Dor

time [to the Syrians] in Lebanon." Ben-Dor said that in the "near future" the Syrians will be alert "to this type of thing," but then it will blow over, and one of the country's many other scandals will take precedence. That, at least, is one thing both

Damascus and Jerusalem have in commoo.

Politicians comment on Gil affair

By LIAT COLLINS

Gideon Ezra (Likud), a member of the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee and a former deputy head of the General Security Service, said yesterday that censorship on the Gil affair should have remained tighter, because details of the Mossad's work methods were revealed and could enable the Syrians to fied Gil's source in Damascus.

Ezra also called on the Prime Minister's Office to publish an official statement on the affair.

We are giving the enemy too clear a picture of what is going on with us," said Ezra. He added, however, that most of the news being published is partially Incorrect.

He stressed that more than one source of information is used to prepare assessments.

Ezra called the affair "unusual" and said that integrity is one of top requirements of those recruited to intelligence services.

Ezra said that Gil bad beeo suspected of providing unreliable information for a long time. He rejected the possibility that the public exposure of Gil was timed deliberately to moot the criticism of Mossad head Danny Yatom over the Mashaal Affair.

"When you have a bad agent, it's better to get rid of him than continue with him," he said. "It's similar to a certain extent to the problem in the Avishai Raviv affair."

The false information on Svria

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provided by Mossad operative Yehuda Gil continued to be discussed by politicians yesterday and is expected to be raised in the Knesset this week in committee and plenum debates.

Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani (Third Way) called on the prime minister to establisb a special comptroller to oversee the work of the security services.

He said that he had seeo no change in Syrian President Hafez Assad's approach to peace. "And my opinion was not formed by Gil," Kahalani said. "Wheo I see Assad [addressing] the Knesset, I will consider changing my mind."

Yossi Katz (Labor), chairman of the State Control Committee, said he would recommend State Comptroller Miriam Ben-Porat increase the supervision of the security services.

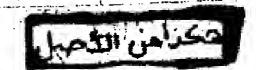
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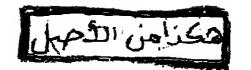
He said the affair indicates a failure in the method of recruiting agents.

Both Ra'anan Cobeu (Labor) and Ran Cohen (Meretz) are calling for an urgent meeting of the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee in order to study the issue.

Ran Cohen said that despite the public rebuttals by those involved, he is convinced that Gil was motivated by a desire to. torpedo peace negotiations with Svria.







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NEWS

Outside court, a protest turns picnic-like

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Burning tires and bullhoms gave way 10 shmoozing and take-out food yesterday as representatives of various unions gathered outside the National Labor Court in Jerusalem yesterday to await its decision.

About 200 demonstrators, holding signs reading: "[Finance Minister Yaakov] Neeman has no God," and "[Chief Finance Ministry negotiator Yossi] Kucik how much of a pension do you get?' were lined up outside the twostory building near Mandelbaum Gate, with a large police contingent on hand to maintain order as they waited for Neeman to arrive.

Rafi Marciano, a Jerusalem municipal employee, said Neeman violated the agreement in a very ugly way, and he wants to harm the pensioners' rights. 1'm still young, but there are those who are going to have to go home with pennies, and these fat, corrupt guys [in the government] sit by and watch. You could support 10 families for life from their pensions."

Shmnel Ben-Shaya, a Teva employee, said he was striking "because the finance minister is cheating the Histadrut and not honoring his commitmeot. There's no connection to politics; the Histadrut hasn't been political for some time. We're all one party, the workers' party, and what's good for the workers is good for us. We have to defend our rights without violence, but if this government only understands violence, then that's what we might have to use." Moments later, demonstrators elbowed each other to get closer to barricades crected by police, trying to get a better angle from which to shout invective at Neeman. "Everyone get closer," shouted a man through a mega-



Strikers demonstrate outside the National Labor Court in Jerusalem yesterday.

phone, "I'll tell you exactly when he shows up.' Warning the crowd not to get violent, strike coordinator Shlomo Shani said he was "proud" of Neeman's car was approaching. them, but "let's show them we can yourself, Neeman," the fellow with the megaphone shouted, keep things under control here." "Ne'eman resign! We don't want you anymore" the demon-"Neeman the devil1" strators shouled, as haredi neighbors from nearby Mea She'arim appeared, several of the demonlooked on curiously, Organizers strators tried shpritziog him with

water from water bottles, as if they handed out water bottles to the crowd, while those standing on believed it would somehow melt higher ground peered through the him like the Wicked Witch of the phalanx of police to see if West

Guarded carefully by police and border police, who pushed back the "You should be ashamed of surging demonstrators. Neeman avoided the shower and made his way through the arched door of the court building and headed upstairs When the "devil" himself finally for the court hearing.

Once Neeman was safely inside,

many of the demonstrators started to leave, with those remaining set-

(Brian Hendler)

While demonstrators checked in with loved ones on cellular phones, police on horseback across the street were left with little to do. Within minutes, the border policemen also were chatting among themselves."

Grumbling visitors board planes for home

By ALLISON KAPLAN SOMMER

There was little relief in the air as hordes of sweaty, angry, frustrated passengers - some of whom were stranded in Israel for as many as five days - gradually began to board flights leaving Ben-Gurion Airport yesterday.

As the Histadrut and the Treasury edged toward a possible compromise, the union permitted airport workers to return to their jobs at one in the afternooo. Aggravating the already-frayed nerves of those waiting for flights, the terminal rapidly became so crammed with passeogers that shortly after flights resumed, police began blocking the entrance to the airport to prevent it from becoming overcrowded.

"Let me inl I have a ticket! I have to get to my plane!" cried frustrated would-be travelers as they faced yet another obstacle to their trip.

Those who begged loud and long enough were grudgingly permitted to squeeze through the crowd and enter the terminal, only to find endless lines that snaked across all walls of the terminal, queues composed of ticket-holding passengers waiting to be

processed by airport security. Comments by foreigners who were finally able to leave indicated that Israel's image, not just its economy, had taken a beating from the strike.

Bill Harwood, a tall thin man with a tired, drawn face, had come to Israel from the US to recruit Israelis to be counselors in American summer camps. He said his experience on this, his first visit here, "raised real questions in my mind" as to whether Israelis were suited for his program.

"I was supposed to fly yesterday, and spent many hours in the airport, and I have to say this strike has given me a pretty poor impression of the country.

"What bothered me the most was not just the delay itself but the rudeness of the people in line, people of all ages were pushing and eutting in front of one another - I'm talking people of all ages - showing no manners whatsoev-

"I understand the stress, but that is no excuse. In the US 1 somehow had the impression that Israel was a hard-working society that knew how to get things done. I have to say, I am surprised at what a mess it seems to be here."

Sitting with Harwood was Domingo Nieves, a Spanish representative of Scitex who had been stuck here for 3 days. "I sat at the hotel, trying to call

and get information on the flights, and no one would answer the phone. So in order 10 know what's going on I've had to go to the airport every day. I've wasted more than NIS 1,000 on taxis to and from the airport from my hotel."

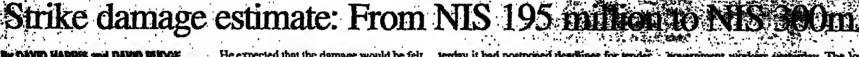
Many flights originally scheduled to take off yesterday after-noon were delayed until the wee hours of this morning. For those on a limited budget, that meant another night spent camped out in the airport.

In one corner a group of five South African journalists were napping on several foam mattresses they had pushed together. They had been invited to Israel by El Al to film a documentary to help boost Israel's image in their native conotry.

"We were supposed to fly home on Thursday night, but ended up sleeping on the floor of the airport instead," said cameraman Eddie Stanley. "We went back to Tel Aviv on Friday and found a youth hostel that we could afford and spent the weekend there. We came back today, and found out that our flight is only leaving at four in the morning. So we're settling in for another night."

Lutgourd Dries and Dirk Wouters, representatives of a Belgian subsidiary of Johnson and Johnson, had been in Israel for what was supposed to be two days of meetings with an Israeli affiliate, ending on Wednesday. Their delay here ruined a carefully scheduled itinerary of meetings

across the Middle East. "For us, this strike came on top of the bad news that the health funds would no longer subsidize the pharmaceuticals that our company sells," Dries said. "It makes us worry about what is going on in this country.'



By DAVID HARRIS and DAVID HUDGE

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The fact that the Israeli decision,

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attention from internal problems,"

be applied, al-Quds said.

He expected that the damage would be felt in lost wages, loss of customers, and io some cases question marks over the futures of companies. In addition, industrialists have already started complaining of a lack of raw materials as a result of the strike, the Association said.

Another concern is losing out to competition abroad after foreign buyers saw Israeli exporters missing deadlines. Abramovitz said. The Federation of Chambers of Commence decided to file damage claims

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that "Netanyahu is good for us," because he succeeded in splitting most of its attention in the past week to the proposed redeployment in the West Bank. the Likud and stabbing bis allies in Officials in the Palestinian the back. He is good, because he Authority as well as journalists dries up the pretense of democracy in Israel, and because as long as he and commentators were all united in describing the idea as "another trick to avoid any action required is prime minister, there are no chances for a unity government,

PALESTINIAN PRESS REVIEW

Matar wrote. "Netanyahu at the head of a government which is exposed to pressures and attacks from all sides is much better than a strong govern-

ment," Matar wrote. Noting some historical moments in Palestinian history, from the beginning of Fatah attacks in 1965 to the bagi missiles which struck Israel during the Gulf War, Matar coocluded: "The future is not

theirs, they are an incidental case in time and history. We are the ones who do create time, facts and civilization, even if it takes a while."

In contrast to this anti-Israeli article, lyyad Odah supported, on the same page in al-Hayat al-Jadida, mutual understanding between Palestinians and Israclis. Odah called for direct contacts between both peoples, and for everyone to embrace the idea that there is no such thing as an absolute truth, and that despite our controversies, there are many areas of cooperation.

The 50th anniversary of the UN partition resolution was discussed by Palestinians in the context of the current debate over a new par-

Matar wrote in al-Hayat al-Jadida tition of Palestine-Israel.

Al-Quds published an Arabie translation of A.B. Yehoshua's article in the Hebrew press, entitled. "The Partition of the Country into Two States is the Only Solution to the Palestinian Struggle."

The paper has also been publishing a series of articles by historian Walid al-Khalidi on the history of the partition idea during the British Mandate era.



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Expert: Histadrut comes out ahead

By BATSHEVA TSUR

The Histadrut came out ahead of the Treasury from the geoeral strike which ended yesterday, said Francis Raday, a professor of labor law at Hebrew University. All that the Treasury may have gained by the strike, she said, was the understanding that it could well serve its purposes to conduct negotiations with the employees rather than forcing them on to the defensive, where their only option

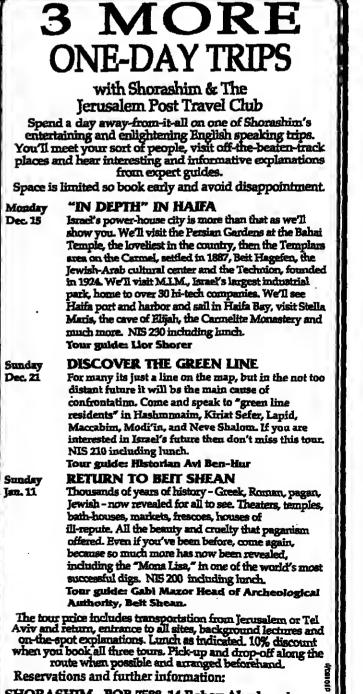
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The Finance Ministry also lost "total autonomy to fix economic policy," she added, while "the Histadrut has won the stature of an organization that has to be recog-

nized as a partner in taking measures which affect the workers." She said that the union federation has also "established the principle that agreements made with the Histadrut cannot be broken with impunity."



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the chief Palestinian negotiator, Saeb Erckat said, in an interview quoted in the official al-Hayat al-Arafat's assistant, Marwan Kanafani asserted that the peace THE THIRD OSCAR VAN LEER ANNUAL LECTURE process is "frozen, almost dead, for reasons known to everyone, this is the mentality and policy of **ISLAM AND POLITICS:** the Israeli Prime Minister." Kanafani was quoted from a polit-**LESSONS FROM THE PAST** ical symposium in Tulkarem, organized by al-Hayar al-Jadida. A cartoon in al-Hayar al-Jadida chose an almost antisemitic way to 19:00 - Greetings: Dr. Shimshon Zelniker describe Netanyahu's position. It showed him riding on the back of the religious radical right-wing in Israel which was depicted as a scorpion that was threatening to bite the rider. Alluding to a popular Israeli 19:15 - Lecture by: Professor Nehemia Levtzion slogans, Mowwafaq

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IMA joins battle against arrangements bill

By JUDY SLEGEL

The Israel Medical Association has decided to join the struggle against the arrangements bill - a supplement to the state budget which, should it pass in its present form, is due to effect major changes in the health system starting next month and cost families some NIS 1,000 a year more for medical care.

IMA chairman Dr. Yoram Blachar said an emergency meeting of doctors will be held at Sheba Hospital on Wednesday to discuss ways of preventing harm to the public and the health system. The IMA has declared a work

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

Maj.-Gen. (res.) Yossi Ben-Hanan

took over yesterday as head of

SIBAT, the Defense Ministry

department that promotes defense

exports. He replaced longtime direc-

tor Brig.-Gen. (res.) David Shoval,

Shoval, who headed SIBAT since

Israel is the fifth largest arms

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exporter, with \$1.3 billion in foreign

weapons sales, according to the

Institute for Strategic Studies. Last

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the ministry announced yesterday.

dispute over the bill and intends to lobby in the Knesset against it. Blachar said that the Treasury by attempting to push through the Knesset Finance Committee a bill lic health. that will reduce the basket of health

In many countries, it has been proven that uncontrolled competiservices - wants to revoke the egalitarian National Health Insurance tion in the health system is dangerous, since the money saved by. Law on its third anniversary. the government falls in the end on "The Finance Ministry is misleading the public when it claims that the health system is not comthe shoulders of patients. If the Treasury has its way, community petinive and efficient enough and clinics serving areas with 5,000 to 100.000 residents will be closed as that it is wasteful. The cause of the problems was the Treasury's failure

uneconomic." to correctly calculate the real cost Preventive medicine - vaccination for babies and follow-up for of the basket of health services. which rocketed the health funds pregnant women - will be neglectinto massive deficits," he charged. ed, Blachar warned.



Peres and Barak think their own thoughts yesterday at the Labor Party convention.

Peres steals Labor convention limelight by backing Palestinian statehood

By SARAH HONIG

Labor chairman Ehud Barak managed to squeeze out only a slim majority at the party convention yesterday for his plan to appoint a director-general. The vote was seen as a slap in the face since Barak had put his full weight behind the proposal. The Labor leader was also roundly accused of having aides tamper with

the composition of the new 2,000member central committee which the convention met to elect.

The size of the committee was expanded last night from an initial 1,500 in an attempt to ease conflicts. Many in Labor felt that Barak had packed the committee with his own foot soldiers.

Despite the recriminations, there was little excitement at the tedious convention held at Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv.

The warmest reception went to Barak's predecessor, Shimon Peres,

who came out in favor of Palestinian statehood and withdrawing from the Golan Heights in exchange for peace

Barak's proposal to draft yeshiva students, which he raised on the eve of the convention, was never brought to a vote, and he burely

mentioned it in his speech. Nothing controversial was put to a vote, besides the proposal to appoint a director-general alongside an elected secretary-general. Fewer than a third of the 3,000 delegates participated in the ballot. Of these, 348 supported Barak and 327 opposed

appointing a director-general. Presidium chairman David Liba'i protested that the vote was too close. This is no majority. There is no majority here and no minority," he said. He called for another vote at a later date.

MK Haggai Merom, Barak's most vociferous opponent, felt that the narrow vote had "effectively killed

the director-general notion. This party said no to a would-be dictator. We don't want a one-man

rale and we don't want that one man to appoint his hand-picked administrator to lord it over us." Barak still has to go back to the

party before a director-general can he chosen. Meanwhile Barak fully retreated

from his position last week that it wouldn't be possible to hold Knesset primaries if national elections were moved up. "I know of no other system and

primaries in this party will be held even if we gear up to early elections and must go to the polls within 60 days," he promised, Acting on his prediction that new

elections are in the offing, Barak declared a fund-raising drive to help foot the upcotning campaign bills. Delegates were urged in the lobby

to make contributions by check or. credit card. Barak donated NIS 700.

Campaign stickers were distributed in abundance.

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Barak promised to reserve a quarter of spots on the Knesset list for , women, unless the elections are moved up, which would presumably leave too little time to make the change.

The man who held everyone's attention at the convention was Peres, who received a standing ovation. The somber-looking former premier pulled no punches.

He told the delegates that "if we want a Jewish state then we need to have a non-Jewish state right along side it. We need a real non-Jewish state and not just some vague entity. We need what is explicitly and unequivocally a Palestinian state."

Peres went on to assert that Syrian. President Hafez "Assad wants peace but he won't make peace in return for only part of the Golan Heights. If we put this off, the price will not decrease - not even in ten years."

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surplus Ben-Hanan, 52, faces serious challenges in his new post as the defense industries come under growing pressures to consolidate. As a young soldier, Ben-Hanan

appeared on the cover of LIFE magazine in a photograph from the Six-Day War. He retired from the IDF

two years ago. A veteran armor corps officer, Ben-Hanan was decorated in the Yom Kippur War for leading an assault into Syria, where he was

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severely wounded. Later he served as a commander at the National

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NEWS

Video with Raviv at Har-Shefi trial

The lawyer for Margalit Har-Shefi, who is on trial for failing to prevent the murder of Yitzhak Rabin, yesterday introduced mio evidence in Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court a videotape of a conversation between his client and General Security Service agent Avishai Raviv.

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The videotape was made on November 7, 1995, just after Har-Shefi, a friend of Rabin's assassin, Yigal Amir, was brought in for questioning hy police. In the recording, which was

made without Raviv's knowledge,

she tells him: "Yigal did it. It's really sad. He made a mistake. We're in shock. The whole gang's in shock." in another section, the following conversation takes place after Raviv tells Har-Shefi that Amir is a hero: "Oh, really. Do me a favor."

"Amir took all the responsibilily; he took the whole country on his shoulders; he'll go down in lustory. "He will go down in history all

right. The question is as what." have the strength for this." 'He's a hero" The tape was iotroduced in the course of a side hearing on the You and your heroes! I don't

admissibility of Har-Shefi's statements to the police.

was prevented from sleeping, that her initial questioning was over 24 consecutive hours, and that she was not allowed to see a

large part of her interrogacion no protocol was kept, as is mandated by law, and that the protocol that Margalit Har-Shefi (iscari Sun) was kept was altered by the inter-

was indicted.

Har-Shefi contends that she

lawyer. She also argued that during a

rogators. She said that she only saw parts of the protocol, which legally she must sign, after she

Asst.-Cmdr. Yitzhak Meisner,

of the National Criminal Investigations Unit, responded by saying that Har-Shefi is a very assertive woman who is well able to stand up for herself.

He said that during her interrogation, she would demand that certain sentences be included in the protocol. He said that if she had complaints about the length of the

questioning or about other conditions, she would have said so and insisted this be in the protocol.

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in brief

Vatican envoy visits Christian sites

A Vatican envoy on foreign affairs began a seven-day tour yesterday of Christian holy sites in the West Bank and Israel. The envoy, Cardinal Silvas Ferrini Akila, plans to meet with Israeli and Palestinian officials.

Yesterday he visited the Bethlehem area, including the Church of the Naovity. He was welcomed at a ceremony held beforehand at Rachel's Tomb, at the cotrance to Bethlehem.

The civil administration said yesterday it would allow 4,000 Christians from the West Bank to enter Israel for Christmas holiday observances. Itim

Suspect in attempted murder remand extended

The Tel Aviv District Court yesterday extended the remand of Nahman Cohen, the Netanya man suspected of attempting to murder Manny Aslan, until the end of legal proceedings. Cohen, 37, was charged September 10 with trying to kill Aslan in front of a restaurant in the Hatikva quarter of Tel Aviv about three months ago. Two other people have also been charged in the

The judge determined yesterday that there was enough evidence to incriminate Cohen and that he should remain in custody. Itim

Girl dies of rabies

A seven-year-old girl from Kalansuwa who was diagnosed with rabies last week died yesterday at Schneider Children's Medical Center in Petah Tikva, after never regaining consciousness:

The girl was apparently scratched on the forehead by an unidendfied animal two months ago, but the injury was not reported to the authorities. Family members were vaccinated after the girl was diagnosed.

It was the second death from rabies in a linle more than a year. A soldier died of rabies 13 months ago after contracting the ill-ness apparently from a rodent bite. He bad been the first fatality from rabies io Israel in about three decades. Judy Siegel

Winter matriculation exams begin

The winter session for matriculation exams, being taken by 65,163 youngsters, began yesterday and will cononue through January 5, the Education Ministry said yesterday.

The tests are being given in 11 subjects, with the largest number being tested in math. The ministry has set up special centers to answer questions about the exams. The center can be reached by the following numbers: 02-6518913 in Jerusalem; 03-6160623 in the Tel Aviv area; 04-8645408 in Haifa and 07-6283292 in Beersheba. Aryeh Dean Cohen

Talk on link between heart attack. infection

The theory that a heart attack is the end result of an infectious disease caused by bacteria that can be treated or even preveoted with antibiotics will be one of the topics for discussion at Israel Medical Week, which will be held, starting today, at the Tel Aviv Fairgrounds.

The event will be accompanied by Medax '97, an exhibition of the latest medical equipment from Israel and abroad.

The theory linking the sexually transmitted chlamydia infection with myocardial infarction was proposed recently in The Lancer by Dr. A. Gurfinkel of Buenos Aires. -

Follow-up studies being carried out around the world are "very_ encouraging," said Prof. Raoul Raz, head of the infectious discases unit at Ha'emek Hospital in Afula, who will lead a discussion of the subject. Judy Siegel

Hanegbi asks court to rule on US teen's extradition

By BATSHEVA TSUR

The Maryland teenager wanted in the US for a brutal murder came one step closer to extradition yesterday when Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi formally asked the Jerusalem District Coun to rule on whether the youth can be extradit-

The request was presented to the court, on behalf of Hanegbi, by the international department of the State Attorney's Office, which last week received an official extradition request from the US authorities. At the same time, the prosecution asked that the youth be kept in custody until the conclusion of the proceedings.

The court will convene on Wednesday with Judge Yehudit Tsur on the bench.

Errlier. Attomey-General Elyakim Rubinstein and State Attorney Edna Arbel had expressed the view that the youth could be extradited despite the fact that his father claims Israeli citizenship.

The teeo's lawyers have pleaded that he is thus also an Israeli citizen. Uoder Isracli law, Israeli citizeos cannot be extradited for crimes committed abroad.

can be extradited, the suspect's lawyers have said they will appeal to the Supreme CourL

published because he is a minor. He has been in custody for nearly three months, after fleeing here immediately after the September



Remembering Golda

Golda Meir's great-grandchildren lay a wreatb on her grave yesterday on Mount Herzl during a memorial marking 19 years since the former prime minister died. (Isaac Haran)

Olmert: I didn't plot to overthrow PM

they were let down by Netanyahu,

Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert Oliniert sud there is no need to was not tovolved in any attempt to speculate whether he will launch a overthrow Prime Minister secret challenge to the prime min-Binyamin Netanyahu, nor does he ister.

intend to be in the future unless he "If I will have a reason that involves fundamental national issues of the highest order that 1 believe that are so important they will justify even a challenge to the prime minister, then the first thing I will do will be to go the prime minister and talk to him about it and tell him, 'Listen, you have failed the country on these issues. I can't trust you anymore, and I am gong to now challenge you publicly and try to unseat

agreement; that there has been House has not been closed, you no explicit agreement and no will admit that visits of high rank-tacit agreement between mc and - ing dignitaries stopped altogether. the prime minister about freezing No more foreign ministers, no more prime ministers, oo more the building in Har Homa for any period of ome, not one day, not any ministers come to Orieot ouse. It has lost the high profile one hour."

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The suspect's name cannot be murder.

Hizbullah: THERE TO READ Progress made in talks AVIS - Hanse over return of 14 I.m Hor 200 Ilya's body 1/2

By DAVID RUDGE and news agencies

Progress has apparently been made in negotiations over ao exchange deal that would return the remains of naval commando Itamar Ilva. Hizbullah leader Sbeikh Hassan Nasrallah said some positive developments had taken place in the past few days and he expects

more progress. Contacts will be intensified in the coming couple of days and probably we will reach a complete result," Nasrallah was quoted as saying on Lebanon's Voice of the People radio station.

Eleven naval commandos and an IDF doctor were killed in an abortive raid near Ansariya village, midway between Tyre and Sidon in south Lebanon in September. Ilya's body was not recovered.

Since the incident, Israel has beeo conducting oegotiations through third parties with the Lebanese government and indirectly with Hizbullah to secure the return of Ilya's remains.

The oegotiadons have been led by the Internacional Red Cross. which has beld talks with Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri and Hizbullah leaders. Nasrallah, who met with Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Viktor Possovalyuk on Friday, declined to talk about Russia's mediation efforts.

He did, however, suggest that France could assist in the negooadoos, while ruling out Germany as a possible mediator because of its strained ties with Iran.

Israel is bolding the remains of several Lebanese gunmen, includ-ing the body of Nasrallah's son who was killed in a clash with IDF troops in south Lebanon. The body of Nasrallah's son is

reportedly being kept in a hospital morgue, rather than being buried with the remains of other terrorists, to preveot it from being stolen.

Hizbullah is seekiog the release of Lebanese held in Israel and in the security zone, as well as the bodies of its gunmen, in return for ORDER BY \diamond phone: 02-624-1282 \diamond fax: 02-524-1212 Tel. Coost the remains of liya.

sees a deviation on the part of Netanyahu on "fundamental national issues," Olmert said yesterday.

Speaking to the Foreign Press Association, Olmert sald that when stories were written about him last month regarding the turmoil within the Likud, "I laughed, as I laugh about some other stories that I read about occasionally in the papers. "If you recall, I dido't make

one statemeot, nor did 1 give one interview to the press at that time. I just read all kinds of interpretations about the rebellion and the coup that I was part of: I was not part of any coup, I was not part of any rebellion, I didn't contemplate anything with anyone about unseating the prime

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YOU. "But believe me, when it will take place, he will know about it and you will know about it and you will not have to speculate. I'll let you know."

On other issues, Olmert said that it is too early to predict the inevitability of a Palestinian state; that the government should set its final-settlement parameters now, "because without such a definition, it will be increasingly diffi-While conceding that there is "a cult to reach an understanding degree of unrest" within the party within the cabinet for any interim

He also said that while Orient it had in the past."

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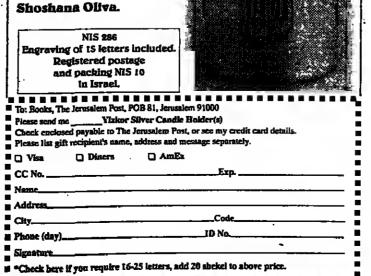
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Iran power struggle on knife-edge

By PAUL TAYLOR

TEHERAN (Reuters) -Behind a facade of unity on display to welcome Islamic world leaders to Iran this week, a power struggle over the future of this Islamic republic is waiting to crupt again.

It pits a cautious, modernizing president against a conservative Shi'ite Moslem leadership which has still not digested his surprise landslide victory last May and has no intention of yielding the levers of power they control.

President Mobammed Khatami, who will host more than two dozen Moslem leaders at the biggest diplomatic event since the 1979 Islamic revolution, faces a tough battle to implement his policies over hardliners supporting supreme Islamic leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

"Mr. Khatami won only the presidential election, that's all," says former foreign minister Ebrahim Yazdi, leader of a small semi-legal liberal opposition party and a sharp observer of Iranian political life.

The extreme right lost the election but they control all the powers: parliament, radio and television, the security forces, the supreme leader's institutions, the Friday prayers preach-

"More than that, they have very strong economic power - a hig slice of gross national product is controlled by so-called revolutionary foundations that pay no taxes and answer directly to the leader," Yazdi said.

Iran's 1979 constitution, tailor-made for the late revolutionary leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, vests ultimate power in the "faqih" or religious legal scholar, who is commander-inchief of the armed forces and can make peace or war.

Khamenei lacks But Khomeini's charisma and learning, and his legitimacy has been challenged both by veteran Ayatollah Hossein-Ali Montazeri. sacked as Khomeini's anointed successor after he criticized human rights

abuses, and by dissident philosopher Abdolkarim Soroush, who advocates separating mosque and state.

Khatami, himself a clergyman, controls government ministries but not the police. His speeches are sometimes censored by state television and his efforts to revive an inflationbattered economy are cramped by hardline opposition to taxing wealthy bazaar traders or privatizing the foundations' industrial empire.

Street gangs controlled by the hardliners occasionally turn out to beat up reformist students or prevent intellectuals speaking. "The only thing Khatami has

is the popular support of the nation, which urgently wants change," said businessman Sadegh Samii, who tries to run publishing and inspection companies in a forest of regulations and censorship. The strength of that "people

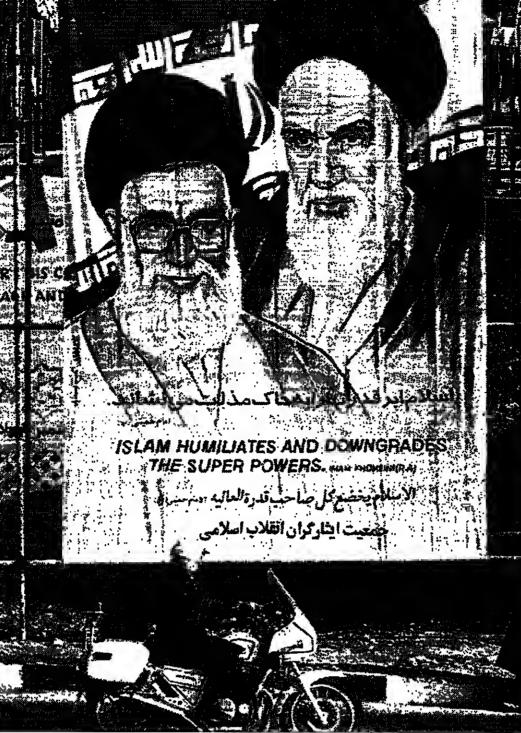
power" was displayed last week when millions of Iranians poured into the streets spontaneously to celebrate their national soccer team's qualification for the World Cup finals.

Scenes of mixed youth dancing in the street and an incident in which women forced their way into the national sports stadium, defying strict sex segregation, were unanimously seen as a political warning to the ruling clergy.

The people want to show their power, that if they come out into the streets nothing can stop them," said Shahla Lahiji, a women's rights campaigner and publisher.

"Don't forget that most of our 60 million people are under the age of 25. The country is too young to be ruled by traditional or fundamentalist actions or ideas," she said.

Signs of a desire for greater debate and a liberalization of public life abound. More newspapers and magazines have been authorized since the election and offer a broader spectrum of opinion. Many women. are wearing their compulsory Moslem head scarves more loosely.



An Iranian policeman rides his motorcycle next to a mural featuring the Ayatollah Khomeini (right) and Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, Iran's current spiritual leader.

Rescuers comb site of Russian air crash

IRKUTSK (AP) - Hundreds of rescue workers searched for victims in freezing weather yesterday after a cargo jet crashed into an apartment building, exploding in a massive fireball that engulied sur-rounding homes and killed at least 62 people.

By MAURA REYNOLDS

Rescue officials at the crash site said 62 bodies had been recovered, at least two other people were missing and rescue teams with sniffer dogs still were searching the debris. Some 1,400 emergency workers and soldiers worked through the Siberian winter cold in temperatures of minus 30 Centigrade.

"There was fire. Flames. There were no people. Nothing but flames," said Galina, Dmitrovna, one of the first emergency workers to arrive at the scene of Saturday's crash.

Crying relatives of missing people watched the rescue operations. One woman, whose hus-band was missing, sobbed as she pointed at the wreckage of her apartment.

All I can find are my kitchen knives," she said, begging people to find her husband.

Thirteen people, including 8 children, were hospitalized with severe burns following the crash, officials said.

Parts of the wreckage were still

smoldering more than 24 hours after the jumbo jet-size An-124 slammed into the neighborhood of the Siberian city just seconds after taking off.

Leonid Ismailov, deputy director of the Irkutsk Rescue Service, said officials did not know what caused the crash of the An-124, one of the biggest planes in the world. The pilot, the crew, they were

lying right there," he said, pointing at where the crew's bodies were found. "Only two of them were in uniform."

The jumbo jet-sized aircraft of the Russian air forces' transport command was carrying 23 people. The pilot radioed the control tower seconds after taking off, saying power had been lost in two engines, the Interfax News Agency reported.

Russian news reports suggested poor fuel may have caused engine failure during take off. Other possible explanations were that the plane's cargo had shifted or pilot error. The plane's black box flight recorders were recovered and sent to Moscow.

The An-124 crashed just 20 seconda after taking off from a factory airfield in Irkutsk, where it had picked up a cargo of two jet fight-ers being exported to Vietnam. It ploughed into a five-story apartment building and its wing clipped a neighboring orphanage.

Auschwitz Catholic crosses removed

crosses and Star of David symbols, there more than a decade, were removed last week from the grounds of Auschwitz, the camp's museum director said yesterday.

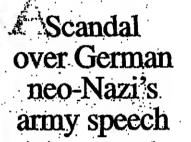
Jerzy Wroblewski said that on Wednesday, eight crosses were turned over to the St. Joseph Roman Catholic church in the nearby city of Oswiecim and 11 Star of David symbols were given to the Jewish History Institute in Warsaw.

The decision was taken following protests by Jewish groups

WARSAW (AP) - Catholic around the world against the presence of crosses at the Jewish memorial and cemetery.

Miles Lerman, head of the Holocaust Museum Foundation in Washington, in a letter to Poland's leaders praised removal of the religions symbols as "overcoming the last barrier on the path to a historic agreement that will permanently preserve and protect Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi death camp." The white wood symbols were

placed at the camp in 1984 and 1986 by young Poles doing maintenance work in Birkenau.



Three skydivers killed over South Pole By PETER JAMES SPIELMANN

Pole for a quick visit. SYDNEY (AP) - In the first Three chutes failed to open, and attempt to skydive at the South the South Pole doctor and emer-

ly uses to fly tourists to the South

Pole, three people plunged to their deaths yesterday when their parachutes failed to open.

They were among six skydivers. on the jump, organized by Adventure Network International, a private company that has been flying tourists to the South Pole since 1988.

The names of the victims and survivors were not released by US Antarctic officials. The cause of the accident was not immediately known.

A notice circulated to US Antarctic staff hy Dwight Fisher, the US National Science Foundation representative at McMurdo Station, confirmed the deaths.

The notice, forwarded to The Associated Press, provided this account

The skydivers made their attempt yesterday from a Twin ... Otter airplane, the type ANI usual-

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gency team found the bodies after a short search. Adventure Network International flew the bodies and sur-

vivors later yesterday to their base camp at Patriot Hills, between the Ellsworth Mountains and the Ronne Ice Shelf, on the South American side of Antarctica.

From there they were to return to Punta Arenas, Chile, where ANI has an office. It also has an office in London.

Bnational has no connection with the US Antarctic Program or National Science Foundation.

flights, it also organizes mountain climbing expeditions and visits to penguin rookeries. Since no nation owns Antarctica, private companies may organize expeditions to any part of the continent they can reach.

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In addition to the South Pole



French archeologist Alain Zivie holds a photograph of a relief on the wall of the tomb of Tutankhamen's wet nurse, Maya.

Archeologists find Tutankhamen's wet nurse

By JASPER MORTHNER

Queen Tiye.

CAIRO (AP) - French archeologists have discovered the tomh of the wet nurse of Tutankhamen, the boy-pharaoh whose golden coffins and burial treasures have fascinated generations, the head of the team announced Saturday.

Archeologist Alain Zivie said he hopes the tomb of Maya will shed light on the identity of King Tut's parents. Tutankhamen's father is widely

believed to have been the Pharaoh

rize he was a brother of ancient Egyptians to devote a Akhenaten, whose mother was whole tornh to a single woman, Zivie said.

The tomb, which dates to 1330 The team has cleared two of the BCE, was found in Saqqara, an five known chambers. A third is ancient necropolis that is about 20 filled with rubble, and two others kilometers south of Cairo. The are sealed off with masonry. Zivie existence of a wet nurse to Tut had expects one of the sealed chamnot been previously known.

bers to lead down to rooms on one Archeologists have explored or more lower levels. only part of the multi-chambered The archeologists have not yet found any gold or funerary objects, nor have they found tomh, hut the reliefs of Tutankhamen, the nurse Maya, Maya's coffin. "This is the beginning of the and accompanying hieroglyphics leave no doubt as to the identity of

story," Zivie said. "There may be discoveries inside the discovery. We can hope that this tomb ... bas escaped modern robbers and that we will be able to find interesting historic and artistic material, but clearly we cannot promise anything." He said excavation of the entire tomh could take two years.

The tomh lies at Saggara, which was the burial site for the courtiers and high-ranking officials of ancient Egypt's New Kingdom, which prevailed from about 1400 BCE to 1100 BCE.

Most of the pharaohs, Tutankhamen included, were buried in the Valley of the Kings near Luxor, about 500 kilometers south of Cairo.

Zivie, research director at the National Center of Scientific Research in Paris, has spent many years exploring tomhs at Saqqara. Previously, he found gold objects in the tomb of a New Kingdom prime minister.

By ANDREW GRAY

BONN (Renters) - Opposition politicians called on Chancellor Helmut Kohl's government yesterday to explain to parliament how a convicted neo-Nazi leader was invited to give a speech to a training course for German army officers.

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ELEN KATE

The Defense Ministry said it had launched an investigation into how Manfred Roeder, a former lawyer who spent eight years in prison for a racist homh attack, had heen able to speak at the army's prestigious staff college in Hamburg in 1995.

The emhartassing revelation, to be published in today's edition of the weekly news magazine Der Spiegel, was the latest in a series of cases linking the postwar German army, the Bundeswehr, with right-wing radicalism.

Roeder, now 68, was jailed in 1982 for leading a group which (AP) carried out attacks on immigrant hostels in which two Vietnamese people died and several were injured.

He was released in 1990 and is cited in the latest annual report of Germany's anti-extremist watchdog agency under a section on right-wing extremist activi-

"Roeder has been more publicly active again since the end of 1995 and is appearing more frequently as a speaker at functions of right-wing extremist organizations," the Federal Office for the Protection of the Constitution's report says.

Angelika Beer, defence spokeswoman for the Greens party, said the ministry's pledge merely to investigate how Roeder came to speak at the college on the subject of ethnic Germans in Russia was not good enough.

Trivializing the fact that neofascists have been invited to politically educate members of the Bundeswehr must have parliamentary consequences," she said yesterday.

Hans Buettner, a member of the Social Democrats, tabled urgent parliamentary questions over the affair, asking Kohl to consider if Defense Minister Volker Ruche should be dismissed.

the occupant, Zivie said. Akhenaten. As to his mother, "there are all sorts of theories, but ing a breast and nipple, is entitled she is not known," Zivie told a news conference. the one "who fed the body of Some experts believe Tut was god," Zivie said. The boy Pharaoh Don't forget your contact address /phone /fax /e-mail in your message. was regarded as a god. It was "extremely rare" for the the son of one of Akhenaten's sec-Fax this form: In US & Canada, 212-599-4743 ondary wives, Kiya. Others theo-In Israel & the rest of the world: 972-2-531-5622 or place your ad directly on our web site at http://www.jpost.co.il VATICAN CITY (Reuters) -

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Pope welcomes canned version of St. Peter's

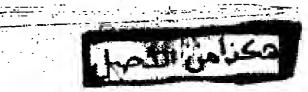
Pope John Paul II yesterday gave million aluminium cans and is his blessing to a group of charity workers who have built a buge replica of St. Peter's Basilica on the outskirts of Rome made entirely out of cans. itics.

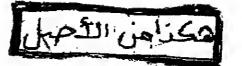
The scale model, which uses 10 ope-fifth the size of the biggest church in Christendom, has been put together by around 40 supporters of blood and organ donor char-

A detailed relief of Maya, show-

"My thoughts, in a special and warm way, go to the volunteers of the AVIS-AIDO [charities]," the pope said in his weekly address from the balcony of the real St. Peter's. "I congratulate those that have undertaken this initiative."

The replica, which was officially opened to the public on Saturday, is made predominantly from hright red Coca Cola cans, It measures 95 meters long, 48 meters wide, and 29 meters high, with a 20-meter wide dome.





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By Adina Hoffman

Tothing to Lose is a shamelessly formulaic huddy comedy that stars Tim Rohbins and Martin Lawrence as a well-to-do while guy and a downon-his-lnck black guy, respectively, who meet np when the latter tries to mug the former.

Little does T. (Lawrence) know, hut at the time of the attempted robbery Nick (Robbins) has just come home early from work and discovered his wife in bed with another man: he's feeling unnaturally mean as a result and so refuses 10 let his attacker out of his car. The two cruise out of LA and into the desert, exchange the usual volley of racially charged insults, have a clumsy fist fight in the sand and, after overcoming their standard-issue bad rapport, become

NOTHING TO LOSE **

Written and directed by Sleve Oedekerk. Hebrew little: Ein ma lahafsid. 100 minutes. English dialogne, Hebrew sublides. Parental guidance strongly advised. With Tim Robbins, Martin Lawrence, Giancarlo Esposito and Kelly Preston

standard-issue best pals, deciding in the process that skin color and social class should be no obstacle to their joining together to commit a major felony.

Although writer/director Steve Oedekerk does manage a few neat stylistic tricks - he treats the soundtrack as one of the players, for instance, letting it stop and respond and even talk back at various points in the action - the



Inept carjacker T. Paul (Martin Lawrence, left) and adman Nick Beam (Tim Robbins) become the odd couple of the road.

script relies on a series of complications and contrivances so familiar, obvious and lame, their use seems almost andacious. (The film's resolution is broadcast in the first five minutes, which may be a new record.)

Oedekerk's broad approach to the silly material - overplaying each gag, drawing most jokes out well past the funny point -worked a bit better in his Ace Ventura films (he wrote the first and directed the second of those lively peons to arrested development). This success, though, was due mostly to Jim Carrey, who's

he's able to sustain and even improve on a dumh punch line, the longer it lingers. In those films, comic supidity was treated with a certain relish: the cruder and cornier the joke, the better. of films like 48 Hours and Lethal Good taste was dismissed entire-Weapon and finding edgy humor ly and Carrey given carte blanche in the barely masked racial tento run wild. sions between the two main play-But Oedekerk doesn't allow the CTS.

stars of Nothing to Lose Carrey's license to riff. And though both (Lawrence calls Robbins "white boy" and Robbins condescends by telling Lawrence he really should Lawrence, a big-eared, mnggy get a job.) Then, after all the noisy squirt, and the more dryly smirkprone Robbins can be amusing at slapstick and in-your-face stereotimes, the director pushes their type of the early parts, Oedekerk

such an inventive performer that obvious differences way over the clams up and offers a tidy loveyour-hrother message which seems more than a little disingentop at the same time that he hems the characters in and confines them to type. The film follows a nous after all the ha-ha hostility that's preceded. basic have-your-cake-and-eat-ittoo design, first following the lead It's typical, however, of the

socially aware new commercial American pictures coming our way these days that the single subject treated with caution and mance is race relations. In the politically correct but flamboyantly infantile world these films represent, blacks and whites are equally free - free to crack flamlence jokes, free to be truly vulgar.



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Brush up your Yiddishi

Last year's festival was such a success that they're doing it On December 28, the second week-long International Yiddish Festival gets under way at the Neveh Ilan Resort Hotel near Jerusalem. The headliner is songstress Nehama Handel. There will also be klezmer concerts, a Yiddish cabaret with Mendi Cohen and his troupe, readings from Yiddish literature, and even a trip to Masada with Yiddish explanations. Helen Kaye

Award-winning musicians and conductors

The Music Division of the local Council for the Arts has announced the winners of this year's awards for performing musicians. Maestro Mendi Rodan was awarded a special prize for his outstanding lifelong achievements. The Jerusalem Quartet won the prize for chamber music ensemble. Flutist Noam Buchman and pianist Benji Hochman won prizes for first-rate performance of Israeli music. A special prize to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the State of Israel was awarded to alto Mira Zakai. The award will be presented at a ceremony on December 25 at the Israel Museum, Jerusalem.

While Rodan received his own award, one of his students, conductor Ronen Burshevsky, won third prize in the prestigious conducting competition held recently in Tokyo. Of the 65 young conductors from 32 countries who participated in the competition, Burshevsky was the youngest finalist. His award consists of \$5,000 plus a contract for concerts in Japan. There was no first prize awarded in the competition.

Michael Ajzenstadt

Musical chairs

Leor Segal, general director of the Leonard Bernstein International Music Competition Jerusalem, was appointed general director of the Haifa Symphony Orchestra, replacing Ben-Ami Enav, who was appointed general director of the Batsheva Dance Company.

Arthur Post was appointed associate conductor of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, replacing Mendi Rodan who left the position when he was appointed music director of the Israel Symphony Orchestra Rishon Lezion. The American conductor makes his IPO debut December 9, leading the IPO in a family concert Michael Ajzenstadt

Happy birthday, Zvi Avni

The local music community is celebrating the 70th birthday of composer Zvi Avni with a series of concerts throughout the country, including a concert at the Jerusalem Ruhin Music Academy on December 17, where six of his works will be performed. Last week the Tel Aviv Municipality celebrated the occasion with a festive concert of Avni's works.

Michael Ajzenstadt

Female prisoners and teenage girls



new direction for the IPO?

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

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director, Zuhin Mehta, who was awarded the position for life, but for many years there have been rumors that Mehta might want to step down, especially with his own new appointment as music director of the Bavarian Staatsoper in Munich beginning next season. Mehra has said on many occasions that the best replacement when and if he steps down - "only if they ask me" - would be Israeli conductor Daniel Barenboim. But Barenboim is too husy running both the Chicago Symphony and the Deutsche Staatsoper Berlin. So is Pappano the ideal soln-

tion? Is he indeed going to be the new IPO music director? Pappano, having spent about a month with the orchestra, says that as far as he is concerned the new title means "an invitation to spend

Monnaie Opera House in sympbonic repertoire, and the Brussels, was appointed chief orchestra is doing opera which is guest conductor of the Israel where I come from anyway. But I Philharmonic Orchestra last year, don't know; I can't tell you where there was speculation that this it will go.' This month, Pappano leads the was just a stepping-stone to the IPO in concert performances of Verdi's Otello and in several Granted, the IPO has a music orchestral concerts with the Faure Requiem and other compositions by Pergolesi and Honegger, and even Beethoven's Fifth, which was not originally scheduled. Is this because of popular audi-

ence demand after the recent success of Beethoven's Ninth? "Not really. I will do this work with the orchestra on our European tour in a few months, and I must do it with them in concert before. As we could not arrange any concert dates before the tour, we decided to add it to the subscriptiou concerts." Pappano takes the IPO on a tour

of London, Geneva, Paris and Brussels, where the program comprises the Beethoven Egmont overture and the Fifth Symphony, including a concerto with alternating soloists Murray Perahia,

Maxim Vengerov and Jane Eaglen. more time with the orchestra. This A few weeks ago, Pappano was year it's a month, next year it will thrilled to find out that his record-

music," as opposed to the pseudo-

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And that is where the problem

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ing of Paccini's Lo Rondine won "It was a bit of a surprise. I knew

love. It's full of great tunes. It's really a great opera which is not often performed because, frankly, the last act is not that good."

At 37, Pappano says the only thing he has to contend with is physical and mental fatigue. He now limits his engagements to specific orchestras (Berlin Philharmonic, London Symphony and Cleveland) and not much opera, aside from Brussels and his upcoming Bayreuth Festival debut.

in 1999 with Lohengrin. Will be have the stamina to become the new IPO music director? Will Pappano be interested if the offer is made? "If it happens, that's great. If not, that's fine too. Either way, I'm in Brussels until 2003 and would not have time for such a position before that. But let's wait and see. I feel I'm being tested, which is all right with me because I don't think anybody can test me more critically than I test myself." Next season Antonio Pappano leads the IPO in concert perfor-mances of Tchaikovsky's Eugene Onegin and orchestral programs of music by Schoenberg, Brahms, Shostakovich, Schubert and Mahler. This month he leads the IPO in concerts at the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv until December 22.

A photography exhibition featuring the works of photographer Debbie Taylor-Zimelman opens today in Jerusalem at the pho-tography gallery of the Bezalel Art School on the Mount Scopus campus of the Hebrew University. The exhibition, which will run through January 1, 1998, features portraits of prisoners in the country's only women's prison, Neveh Tirtza, and of teenage eirls from London and Jerusalem. The above photo of 12-yearolds Sophie Lurie (left) and Lindsey Waugh was taken at a railway station in London.

The exhibition, whose official opening takes place tomorrow at 6 p.m., is open to the public from Sunday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Taylor-Zimelman also works as a freelance photographer for The Jerusalem Post. . Jerusalem Post Staff



The Best of Israeli Theatre every Tuesday night with simultaneous translation into English

Ashdod orchestra on the warpath

By HELEN KAYE

shdod's Israel Andalusian Orchestra (IAO) is on the warpath. It's not that it has canceled its season or are swinging tomahawks, but "it's time," says IAO general manager Moti Malca, "for oriental cultural institutions to begin getting their prop-er share of the public arts fund-

ing." He was speaking at the press conference introducing the IAO's third season, which encompasses five programs of the classical North African music inspired hy the area's Moorish and Jewish influences, together with Arabic classical music and contemporary Andalusian-inspired Israeli compositions. One of this season's highlights is a concert with guest star Avi Toledano, who'll sing Andalusian classics with a nod lo

pop. The IAO is a chamber orchestra of immigrant musicians from the former USSR when also accustomed themselves to the very un-Western tonalities of Andalusian music," says IAO founder, music director and musicologist, Dr. Avi Ilam-Amsaleg. They have even learned to improvise within the genre which is at the heart of this music." wanted the IAO to merge with the Ashdod Chamber Orchestra "for The string players are accompabudgetary reasons, but they've nied by an ensemble of traditional found the money to fund a huge production of Lo traviata" (the instrument players, such as the oud and the wooden flute. Verdi opera premiered in Ashdod In its first two seasons, the at the end of last month). The LAO has more than doubled its Andalusian Orchestra, he consubscribers from a few bundred tends, makes more sense for the city, which is almost 80% to more than 3,000 in the nine locations countrywide (10 this Sephardi,

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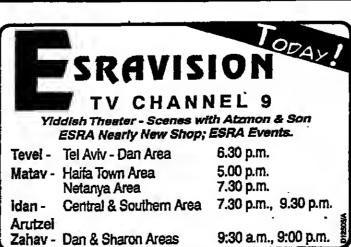
year), where it has performed Last year singer and Jerusalem city councilman Yehoram Gaon "People are hungry for their was similarly hlunt about his reasons for pushing the Jenisalem-based Center for Classical music," says Malca. "We get scores of letters asking us to come Oriental Music and Dance. back, for more of this kind of

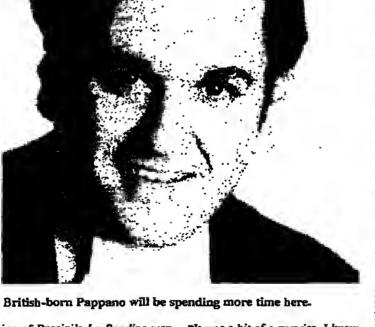
"The study of oriental music, and I mean mainly the music of the Islamic countries, is barely a comma in the syllabus of our music schools," he said then, adding that "the melting-pot theory of the '50s never happened, and immigrants from North Africa and the Near East found their music and their culture derided."

The Jerusalem center gets a tiny budget from the municipality. The IAO gets 54% of its NIS 2.74 million hudget from the Arts and Culture Authority (ACA), 25% is earned income, and another NIS 540,000 (20%) comes from the Ashdod municipality.

But the municipality has paid 78.9m. goes to Western-type up less than half of that, and the ACA told IAO that not only would it not get the requested parity with the almost same-size Beersheba Sinfonietta but that its 1997 budget would be NIS 570,000, or less than half the promised NIS 1.5m.

funding totem pole in which, according to IAO figures, NIS





the prestigious Gramophone mag-azine Record of the Year award. Disc of the Year award, but I never

musical institutions and NIS 1.5m. to itself. And Israelis of North African or Near Eastern origin make up some 50% of the population. Even if the figures are not totally correct, they certainly are a little lopsided.

The IAO is at the bottom of a The Ashdod municipality could not be reached for comment due to the Histadrut strike.

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A costly strike

The Histadrut strike is over, at least for now. And while the government may have won a crucial point, it has paid a high price for this victory.

If, as a result of this showdown, the Histadrut has swallowed a change that puts the public-sector pension system on the road to a financially sound fooring, that would be a major government achievement. The price, however, may be a Histadrut strengthened by its having brazenly flouted court orders without being punished.

In his press conference yesterday, Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman highlighted the government's looming pension obligations: NIS 163 billion for government workers, about NIS 300b., when all public-sector enterprises are taken into account. As Neeman pointed out, the question is not whether such sums can be paid. but at whose expense. Either the defense, education, and social welfare budgets would have to be slashed, or the government would have to raise taxes or print money. None of these alternatives are particularly attractive, and even Histadrut Chairman Amir Peretz knows this.

Israel, like many other Western democracies. is confronting the need to stop making openended financial commitments to its people, in effect slapping future generations with a bill for promises made today. Even Sweden was forced to overhaul its social spending system when spiraling deficits forced interest rates up, and Germany and Italy are facing serious pension crises which are not over yet.

What Neeman may have accomplished with yesterday's agreement is to switch the pension system from an item in the budget, riding on automatic pilot towards a cliff, to an off-budget system of contributions into managed pension funds. This agreement only would apply to new workers entering the system. so it does not solve the problem of existing obligations, but it does prevent the government from going deeper in the hole.

This accomplishment is tempered by two facts: Those huge pension obligations are still looming, so the next confrontation over pensions is probably just a matter of time; and the Histadrut was allowed to get away with a serious challenge to the rule of law, and therefore could well repeat the tactic in the future.

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While both employers and employees have society's weakest sectors.

violated labor court orders in the past, this may be the first time the Histadrut as a body has done so in a nationwide strike. Labor courts cannot hand out prison sentences, but they can impose stiff fines for contempt of court. But when the Histadrut ignored the court order - after Neeman's ill-timed and ill-tempered outhurst that gave them the excuse - the government continued to negotiate and no fines were imposed. Even more significantly, the Histadrut came out of its illegal strikes with most of its demands met.

The Histadrut succeeded in signing the Treasury on to the controversial "yellow note" agreement between Peretz and then-finance minister Avraham Shohat, which further sweetened the existing untenable pension system. though the Treasury did succeed in capping the potential pension increase to NIS 650 a month. In an even more far-reaching victory, the Histadrut received a commitment to negotiate with them on all the major items on the economic reform, such as privatization, structural reform, and child allowances,

It is tempting to believe that both sides will have emerged from so massive and destructive a strike committed to solving future problems at the negotiating table. But the danger is now that the Histadrut has succeed in crossing the line set by the court, it either will do so again, or will effectively use the implied threat of a repeat performance to extract more concessions from the government. This increased power does not bode well for the future of the economy in general, and the government's economic reform program in particular.

Now, more than ever, the government cannot rely on pure political muscle to push its programs through, even when it is representing the best interests of the entire economy. The fact that the government's economic case is so strong. however, means that there is no reason to shy away from selling its program to the public. thereby undercutting the Histadrut's power from its base.

When Neeman stated that unemployment was the nation's No. 1 problem, he was on the right track. The key to this battle will be convincing the public that economic reform can create a tide that will raise all boats, not least of all those of Minority power

YOSEF GOELL

The headline in last Thursday's paper: "Half of Israeli Arabsoppose thying national thag over schools," was typical of the glass-is-half-empty vs. the glass-ishalf-full situations.

OPINION

I would have been more impressed by the choice of a "glassis-half-full" headline: "42 percent of Israeli Arabs favor Ilying national flag over schools," because the choice Israeli Arabs are making should be seen in a broader international and historic context. (The headline headed a report of a survey conducted by Dr. Eli Rekhess of Tel Aviv University's Program for the Study of Arab Politics in Israel.) I know that 130 years after the end of the United States' traumatic Civil

Israeli Arabs should realize that minorities must use their political power wisely and with restraint

War, the Confederate "Stars and Bars" is still flown in many locales in the defeated South. Three or four decades ago it was flown not only as a redneck joke or a youthful prank but as a widely supported declarauon of continued defiance of the hated Yankee North. Such animosities fade slowly indeed, even when the war they seek to commemorate was between "cousins" from the same ethnic group. When the historic wars in question

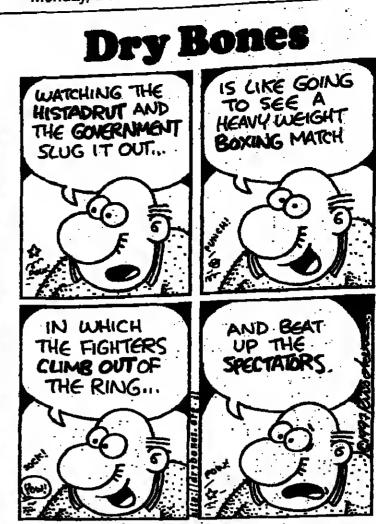
were between rival ethnic and religious groups, the animosities tend to be jealously preserved and even exacerbated over centuries. This was the case in former Yugoslavia, where the memories of who was on what side during the Turkish invasion of seven centuries ago were sufficient to trigger a mini-genocide earlier this decade.

It is only when one realizes that the Arab minority in Israel is much closer to the Yugoslav and Ulster examples than to the American one, that it becomes possible to grasp the full import of 42 percent of Israeli Arabs agreeing to fly Israel's flag "only a short" half century after the trauma of the 1948 war.

One of the main findings of the survey is that Israeli Arabs are becoming aware of their growing political power. This has been further magnified by the newly introduced direct popular elections of the prime minister. In 1996, the Arabs voted overwhelmingly for Labor's Shimon Peres. They still indicate a preference for Labor's Ehud Barak to the Likud's Binyamin Netanyahu, but many are also threatening to withhold their first-round vote from Barak and vote for an Arab candidate. Many Arabs say they want to create an Arab political bloc that would rival the Jewish religious bloc as a balance of power between the two major governing parties - Labor and the Likud. This has led some Jews on the extreme Right to demand that Israeli Arabs be denied the vote.

There is real cause to suspect the motivations and loyalties of many Israeli Arabs on issues that touch on our conflict with their Palestinian cousins. The way to deal with this prohlem is not to undermine our democracy hy denying the Arabs the vote, hut rather by neutralizing their impact on that specific issue by pressing the major leaders of both the Likud and Labor to rise above themselves and hammer out a practical Jewish Israeli consensus on the Palestinian issue.

Israeli Arabs, for their part should realize that minorities must use their political power wisely and with restraint. They are fully entitled to use their political power to fight for greater equality with Jews. They should, however, flee as from fire any overt involvement in crucial



decisions resolving our conflict with the Palestinians and Syrians. If they do not, they will find that they will have invited a serious backlash, which could undermine their achievements on the equality front. Neither Jew nor Arab should desire such a setback.

THE problem is not only with the Arabs, but with the Jews too, as was shown last week by the shameful firebombing of a Jerusalem apartstudents at the Hebrew University. It is no secret that there are vicious, racist Arab-haters among Israeli Jews, especially of the newly aggressive fundamentalist variety, just as there are vicious Jew-haters among the Arab population. But Mayor Ehud Olmert failed the test of leadership miserably when he sought to draw a parallel between .

Indeed, "the doubling of carbon

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the violent act against the young Arab women and political opposition to Jews coming to live in Jerusalem's Ras al-Amud.

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. The mayor should have used the opportunity to find Jewish landlords to volunteer to rent an alternative apartment for the terrorized Arab vomen. For that matter, the Hebrew University should have moved heaven and earth to find such volunteers to welcome the firebombed women.

It is in our interest as Jews to help Israeli Arabs integrate fully into Israel. The problem is that we Jews have the finely housed 2,000-yearold instincts of a persecuted minority; but only 50 years of experience as a majority, and we haven't-made the switch comfortably, as yet.

The writer comments on public affairs.

Global warming fundamentalists

CHARLES KRAUTHAMMER

The world is meeting in Kyoto. Japan, to decide how much wreckage to visit upon the Western economies to prevent global warming. Kyoto aints to seriously reduce greenhouse gas emissions. which would seriously curtail energy use and, with it, economic growth, All under the premise that humans produce global warming and that global warming will produce a human catastrophe. Is this true?

There has been a very slight what he believes. Just two months warming of the earth's atmosphere in this century (although one still has to explain why satellite and balloon dala show no nel temp the past 19 years).

Kyoto, Take that great American evangelist, Vice President Gore, a dioxide" - which is what Kyoto is last-minute attendee-Now. Gore trying so desperately to prevent -- may turn out to be the environmenwould produce a temperature talists' villain because he fears infu-riating his tabor allies at home if he change of less than one degree [centigrade]." Schneider argued then that the real threat was global agrees to serious curbs on US CO 2 (and thus energy) production. But cooling: The production of aerosols whatever he ends up doing for perscreening earth from the son could sonal political reasons, it is clear produce "a decrease of the mean surface temperature by as much as

This is nuclear winter without the nukes tion will have direct bearing on the arrival and nature of this weather crisis" - i.e., a new "ice age."

All this doom-saying provoked J. Murray Mitchell of the National and Atmospheric Oceanic Administration to remark in 1976 that "whenever there is a cold wave, they [the media] seek out a proponent of the ice-age-is-coming school and put his theories on page one. . . . Whenever there is a heat wave they turn to his opposite number [for a prediction of] a kind of heat death of the earth."

It is one thing to change your is another to then, with

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CALLOUS DISREGARD

Sir, - The tirade against the Israel Defense Forces hy Dr. Nancy Dubrow, director of the Taylor Institute International Child Welfare Group (November 30), who calls the Israel Defense Forces "a violator of the sanctity of human life" following the shooting death of an Arab boy during fierce rioting in Bethlehem, is yet one more hlatant example of the callous disregard with which such organizations and their spokespersons view the murder of Jewish children at the hands of Arab terrorists.

Somehow, the firebomhing of the Israeli bus (one of many such atrocities) in which Rachel Weiss, her three hanies under the age of five, and the unborn child she was carrying, who were all hurned to death; the cold-hlooded shooting of Shlomo Lapid

'Sir. - "Sex On the Net"

(December 3) brought back mem-

ories of this summer when our

computer school started chil-

dren's programs and we discov-

ered the problems of having to

monitor chat groups and sex-site

access. The latter problem was

resolved with a 20 license version

of "Net Nanny." one of the better

commercial programs available

onjectionable sites.

together with his father Mordechai; the knife slaving of Helena Rapp; the killing and dismemberment of Ronan Karamani and Lior Tubul; the murder of young David Boim and countless others including children slain in the recent suicide bombings in Jerusalem ... none of these young victims have elicited the passionate outrage and condemnation against the Arab perpetrators which Dr. Dubrow levels at Israel.

As to her assertion that "the shooting death of yet another innocent Palestinian child is a crime under every international treaty" and that "the IDF is responsible for the death of this child" I ask - are the deaths of Jewish children not a similar crime? Who is responsible for

the deaths of our innocent chil- Jerusalem.

dren? Who are the violators of the sanctity of their human lives?

In conclusion, Dr. Dubrow questions whether we believe that the "Palestinian community loves their children less than we Israelis love our own children. and would deliberately place them in harm's way." It would much more behoove her penetrating query to he directed at Yasser Arafat, who on numerous occasions, expressed his willingness to sacrifice millions of Arab men, women and yes, children, to achieve his goal of replacing Israel with a Palestinian state!

> SHIFRA HOFFMAN Founder and director, Victims of Arab Terror International.

SEX ON THE NET

children tend to helieve that what they are told on the Internet is the truth. We just set down the following rules and this has resolved the problem:

When you set up an e-mail nccount, never use your real name as your "handle" or "usemame." Never reveal your phone number or address or any identifying personal details. If the language or content on

which filters out obscenities and your chat group is objectionable, The monitoring of chat groups was a little more difficult, as change rooms or if this is an option, report it to the moderator.

If you can he anyone you want on the Net, so can everyone else. Everything you see or hear on the Net is not true. As far as objectionable content

on cahle TV is concerned, Arutz Zahav can provide you with a little black box which connects to your cahle box and is password protected. It enables you to block access to channels which you find objectionable.

KATHY SALMANSON Jerusalem.

But first, it is not clear how much is caused by natural variation only. Second, even assuming a substantial human contribution, it is not clear what, say, a doubling of curbon dioxide (CO 2) emissions would do to temperatures.

You get can get answers hy modeling. But scientific models are notoriously subject to the tweaking of underlying assumptions.

The predictions of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change have already been significantly modified. In 1990 it predicted a 6-degree (F) rise by 2100. The prediction now is down to a 3 1/2degree rise, a 40 percent drop. And there is a huge range of uncertainty: The lower-end estimate is less than 2 degrees F.

But uncertainty is a feeling foreign to global warming fundamentalists. many of them now gathered in away greenhouse effect on Earth."

The new election law which

was used for the first time in

. 1996 allowed for a number of

changes in addition to direct elec-

tions of the prime minister. One of

these concerned the prime minister's

professionalism within government

As it turned out, the results of the

1996 elections were such that the

prime minister became even more.

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parties that were required to make

then again, following his acquittal

decision-making.

3.5 degrees centigrade," which "if ago, he likened those who question sustained over a period of several global warming to tobacco execuyears . . . could be sufficient to trigtives who with a "straight face" ger an ice age." denied that smoking causes cancer. This is nuclear winter without the This is a serious charge: not just

error, but bad faith. nukes. And this was no offhanded This attitude is echoed by many comment. This was a paper in the scientists. Stephen Schneider, a prestigious journal Science, com-Stanford scientist and participant at plete with equations containing a gaudy excess of exponents and Greek subscripts. Clinton and Gore's Global Climate Change Roundtable last July, has said that when it comes to global warming it is "journalistically irre-NOR was Schneider alone. In the sponsible 10 present both sides." It is 1970s, which were - surprise! worth noting that 25 years ago this cold, global cooling was the vogue. same Schneider was vociferously Nigel Calder, former editor of New denying global warming. Even a ten-Scientist, said in 1975 that "the fold increase in human production of threat of a new ice age must now carbon dioxide, he wrote, "which at stand alongside nuclear war as a the present rate of input is not expectlikely source of wholesale death and ed within the next several thousand years" is "unlikely to produce a run-

misery for mankind." And Science Digest declared that "how carefully we monitor our atmospheric pollu-

States, it is rare for cabinet ministers

zeal of the convert, write the view you have just abandoned out of polite society, as does Schneider by saying that journalists shouldn't even present the non-global warming view, and as does Gore when be makes skeptics into the moral equivalent of tobacco executives. Ironically, as climate change predictions become more malleable and contingent, climate change activists become more inflexible and intoler-

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The ease with which polificians, popularizers and even scientists can be caught up in popular enthusiasms for one doomsday or another should give us pause. This is not a call for ignoring climate change. It is a call for a modicum of humility before we go ahead and wreck the good life we've developed over 200 years in the name of a theory.

(Washington Post Writers Group)

Ministerial accountability

net ministers. His independent stance on the issue of conversions and his recent appearance before the Reform movement convention may not have been to the liking of his fellow religious and haredi cabinet colleagues, but he stood his ground, firm in the knowledge that they would not be able to bring about his downfall.

DAVID NEWMAN

Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman's behavior this past week has done little to support the idea of appointing ministers who are not directly responsible to political parties

dings, they are unlikely to give up ing in direct confrontation with the Histadrut leadership, has equally their opportunity of a having a demonstrated the problems of minsenior government post, in favour of isterial independence. While he may an outside appointee. Cabinet members in America are not have a party to answer to, there are many who see him as representnot engaged in a daily struggle to please the party faithful and to retain ing much more powerful private their positions of power, unlike the business interests, at the expense of the country's workers. A Knessetappointed finance minister would, it is argued, be far more careful in pub-

case in Israel where it often seems that the amount of time a cabinet minister devotes to his/her joh is simply that part of the day which is licly offending such a large sector of the country's population, if only free from internal party wranglings. But the United States example because they would need their votes does possess an intricate system of to get reelected next time round.

checks and balances, with much of WITH the exception of the United the proposed executive legislation

having to be approved hy both Houses of Congress before it can be implemented. Members of the cabinet also have to be approved by Congress committees before they can take up their posts.

Even if half of the Israeli cabinet were from outside the Knesset, the other half would still have an important say in executive decision making. Achieving a good balance between the party faithful and the professional outsider who can cross the lines of inter-party ideological differences could make for a much better cabinet structure than we have today. But the Neeman example shows just how difficult it is to make the right appointment, especially if the appointment is itself based on political, rather than professional, considerations on the part of the Drime minister.

Whether, in the long term, it is a good policy, remains to be seen. It is an experiment which should be expanded and tested over a wider range of portfolios. But it should not be used as a means of making ministers totally unnaccountable to the people they are supposed to serve. If, as appears to have been the case this week, these interests are simply discarded, there will be little justification for making similar appointments in the future.

The writer is professor of political geography and director of the Humphrey institute for Social Research at Ben Gurion University of the Neger:

FROM OUR ARCHIVES 1972, The Jerusalem Post report-65 years ago: On December 8, Jewish girl, Pessia Lev, 19, was 1932, The Palestine Post reported shot by a sniper when a convoy was attacked near Bah el Wad, on mounting opposition to the Palestine Legislature proposal the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv road. Five made by the Government. The persons were injured in Jerusalem anniversary. Post also criticized the proposed when No. 9 bus was attacked Education Bill and explained at coming down from Mount length that a proposed Legislature Scopus. might affect unfavorably the Mobilization centers opened at the Sinai Desert. Jewish minority, while there was various schools. a need for an autonomy for Sniping and arson continued in Jewish schools as suggested by Haifa Jewish shops were evacuthe Jewish Agency's Executive.

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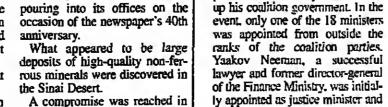
ated there from Khatib Street. The Hagana beat off an Arab attack in Tel Aviv's Manshieh

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ed that congratulatory messages from all over the world were still pouring into its offices on the occasion of the newspaper's 40th

> A compromise was reached in the UN General Assembly aimed at gaining more votes for a resolution asking the Security Council "to take appropriate steps towards a Middle East peace settlement."





by the courts, as finance minister. Neeman has demonstrated both the positive and negative aspects of his independent status. He is clearly not affected by threats of removal for not having promoted the interests of the party faithful or his fellow cabi-Alexander Zvielli

right to appoint up to half of his/her cabinet from outside the Knesset. The idea behind this was twofold. In the first place it would allow the new prime minister to fully exercise his/her new independent powers, thus wresting some of the control away from the political parties. In At the same time, his single-minded handling of the economy, resultaddition, it would allow for the appointment of skilled personnel rather than politicians and, so it was hoped, introduce a higher degree of

elsewhere in the world to be drawn from outside the ranks of the elected party faithful. After all, for many, this is the ultimate goal to be achieved in a political career. Having spent much time doing the rounds of the party branches, shaking hands, smiling at babies and attending an unending list of barmitzvahs, circumcisions and wedالكذامن الذم

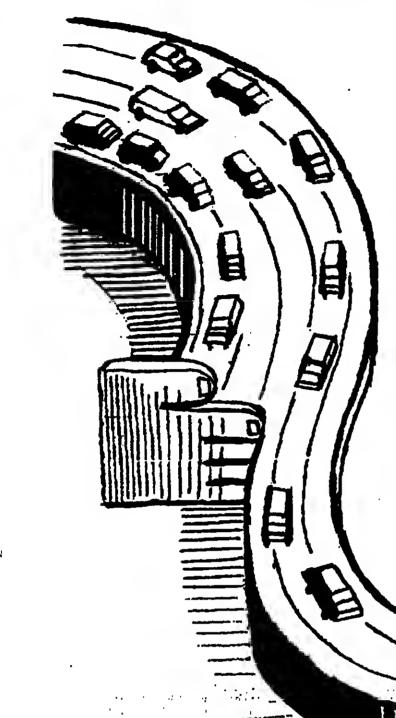
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Highway Patrol

The Self-Appointed Cops of the Information Age



By AMY HARMON

WASHINGTON T a conference last week on protecting children from on-line pornography, Floyd Abrams, the First Amendment lawyer, was asked his view of the problems with software programs that screen out objectionable material. "The only problem with private filters," Mr. Abrams replied, "is to make sure they don't become public filters."

The primary concern of the defenders of free speech has been resistance to government control. And the three-doy meeting here of industry, government and advocacy-group representatives - the "On-line Summit" - came after a resounding victory for the civil libertarian cause on the Internet: In Junc, the Supreme Court overturned the Communications Decency Act, saying Congress's attempt to criminalize the distribution of indecent speech over computer networks violated the First Amendment.

But even omong digital libertarians, there is a growing fear that technology that can block buge portions of what the Court called "the most mass participatory medium yet invented" may pose a more potent threat to unfettered speech than the Government ever did.

Early next year, the Anti-Defamation League plans to distribute rating software that will screen out anti-Semitic Web sites. Catholic Telecom Inc., an Internet service provider run by Catholic Information Center on the Internet, based in Hillsdale, N.J., is

In cyberspace, Big Brother is not the main enemy of free speech.

also developing its own raring system. "Roman Catholics have their own standards based on the natural law and the revelations in the Old and New Testaments," said Catholic Telecom's president, James Mulholland Jr. "Teaching children how to engage in safe fornication, that's an instance where ours might be different with a more generalized database. We would be labeling so parents can block them out."

Just as the Communications Decency Act would have thrown out the baby with the bathwater, so does, It seems, some of the software the on-line industry and some advocacy groups propose as a substitute.

The American Civil Liberties Union, which led the constitutional challenge to the law, finds itself in unfamiliar territory: fighting private choices about speech. The A.C.L.U. declined to endorse the confer-

ence. "The Internet bas changed the nature of the issue," said Barry Steinhardt, the A.C.L.U. associate director. "In order to preserve free speech values, you have to concern yourselves with the actions of the dominant private companies that will structure this medium."

Underlying this new debate is what Larty Les sig, the Harvard legal scholar, calls the "tyranny of code." In cyberspace, he argues, the constitutional values that govern in real space can effectively be suspended unless they are built into the software.

In Mr. Lessig's view, computer scientists like those at the World Wide Web Consortium who designed a filtering system called Platform for Internet Content Selection, or PICS, are the founding fathers of cyberspace; they have the power to grant liberties or encode them away. The designers of PICS made it adaptable to large-scale computer servers, raising concerns that repressive governments might use the system to screen for political material.

Civil libertarians object most stremuously to the fact that PICS - and other filters - fails to tell users which of the million-plus Web sites it is blocking. The system, which works with Microsoft's Web browser, looks for electronic "tags" on sites coinciding with a

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Backlash

In Medicine, Government Rises Again

By PETER PASSELL

ILLARY was right about health care. Well, not quite: Hardly anybody expects Congress to micromanage medical services or to cap the maximum amount Americans are permitted to spend on insurance. But confidence that the bealth care system can solve its problems without a lot of help from Washington is rapidly evaporating.

As recently as a year or two ago, care regulated solely by the free market seemed the wave of the future, with feisty, profitdriven health maintenance organizations in the vanguard of the struggle to stamp out waste and remove medical specialists from the gravy train. Today, those H.M.O.'s are reporting falling earnings as they struggle with both angry consumers demanding bet-ter service and a medical establishment determined to resist any more cutbacks in

So where to go from here? Surely not back to fee-for-service medicine fed by deeppockets insurance that was too expensive a decade ago - and would be even more expensive now. And surely not forward to Government insurance, with bureaucrats deciding who gets a bip replacement or a oew treatment for Alzheimer's: Congress flatly rejected that option in the debate over the cumbersome plan from the task force that Mrs. Clinton directed.

"We're going though a period of soul-searching," said Robert D. Reischauer, who was head of the Congressional Budget Office during the Bush Administration, "one that will lead to a period of experimentation" with more Government intervention than the insurance industry wants and less than the center-left bad hoped for.

Or, to put it another way: Hillary Lite. The curtain is rising on a third act in a drama that opened in the 1980's, when most Americans were still enrolled in fee-for-

service insurance plans through their employers. Health care costs were rising at a shocking five percentage points above the general rate of inflation — and, for obvious reasons. Since patients' co-payments and deductibles were generally small, and generous coverage was the norm, "medical services seemed almost free and providers were under little pressure to economize, said Mark Pauly of the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business.

Act two began in 1990, with the recession and the first wave of corporate downsizing. With labor on the defensive, employers were able to contain rapidly escalating medical costs by forcing employees into "managed care" arrangements - in particular, into



Before managed care: a page from a history of medicine produced by Parke-Davis, the pharmaceutical company, a generation ago.

H.M.O.'s promising big savings. At first the H.M.O.'s delivered. Hard baraining squeezed some fat out of the system, forcing hospitals to reduce costs by closing wings and holding the line on employment. Physicians, faced with the choice of lower fees or far fewer patients, reluctantly trad-ed in their Mercedes-Benzes for Camrys.

Reality Check

Then, too, there was the Hillary Effect the sobering impact of a year of debate over health care in which almost everyone acknowledged that business-as-usual was untenable. "I think providers really did become more reasonable," after the Clinton Admin-

istration went on the warpath in 1993, said Uwe Reinhardt, an economist at Princeton University.

The cost of insurance for large employers flattened, or even fell. And the average growth in medical outlays per person, which was 5.2 percentage points above the rate of inflation in the 1960's, was much lower -3.4 percentage points higher than inflation – during the first half of the 1990's.

It's not that the fat is gone. "Two hospital beds in five are empty," Mr. Reischauer pointed out. "What industry in a competitive market could make a profit at 60 percent capacity?

But the balance of bargaining power is shifting back toward providers. When just one or two insurers controlled a large portion of a regional market, physicians had little choice but to accept whatever was offered. With more insurers competing, Mr. Reinhardt notes that doctors and hospitals in big cities may see patients from a dozen H.M.O.'s - and insurers can no longer dictate fees.

So in the last year or two, the H.M.O.'s have shifted from squeezing providers to denying consumers access to services deemed ineffective or unnecessary. And as a political matter, patients are becoming barder to push around. Sending new mothers home the day after giving birth, for example,

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The World

It Turns Out That All Global Politics Is Local

By ELAINE SCIOLINO

WASHINGTON HAT ever happened to global Kumbaya the we-are-the-world cooperative spirit that seemed only yesterday to have replaced the cold war?

Look at the headlines of the last few weeks: ¶ Most of America's closest allies refused to consider military action to force Saddam Hussein to admit United Nations weapons inspectors back into Iraq.

I Congress refused to give President Clinton the authority to negotiate trade agreements with the rest of the world.

4 Efforts to reduce global warming are mired in disagreements large and small at a big summit meeting in Japan.

I The United States, China and Russia, big producers of land mines, refused to join 120 other nations signing a treaty in Ottawa banning the deadliest of the devices.

It wasn't supposed to be this way. Early in the 1990's, dozens of countries joined the American-led military coalition to oust President Hussein's forces from Kuwait. The North American Free Trade Agreement and the enlargement of the world's trading system

For the 1990's, international cooperation is something of a grand illusion.

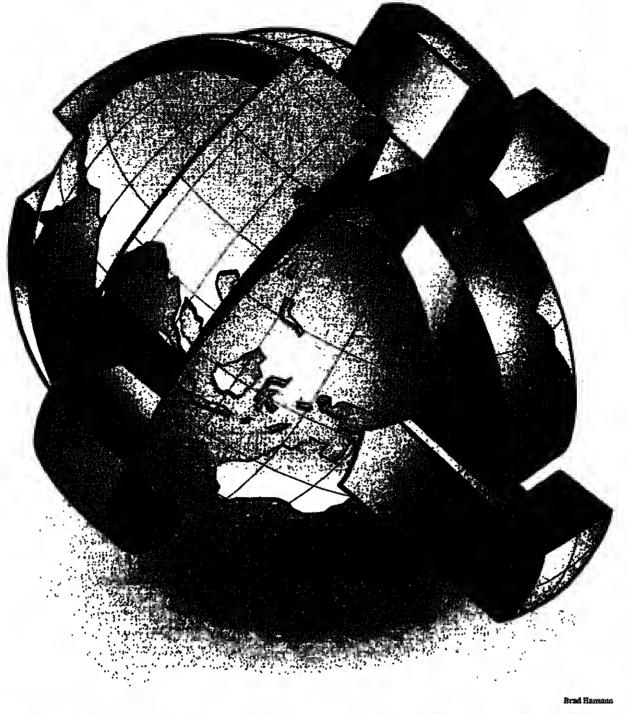
promised to topple trade barriers east and west, north and south. The United States and other developed nations set ambitious goals to reduce emissions of greenbouse gases at an environmental summit meeting in Brazil. And disarmament of all sorts was de rigeur.

But it turns out that all the New Age collegiality was fleeting, or maybe just overstated. It was an afterglow of the end of the cold war, not the light of the future. Appearances to the contrary, countries had not redefined self-interest to mean the greatest global good.

"The United States had won the cold war and was at the pinnacle of its power, so all the policies and preferences of the United States were translated into international politics," said Fareed Zakaria, managing editor of Foreign Affairs. "That was a momentary peak."

Which is not to say that there are not forces - trade and technology, for example - driving countries slowly but surely toward greater integration and cooperation. It is just that an interplay of old national interests and new centers of power bas made the process much more complex and unpredictable.

Among the players beyond governmeotal control these days are nonprofit organizations armed oot with weapons but with new technologies to pursue their agendas. The land-mine treaty, for example, might oever have happened without an intensive campaign by private groups using high-speed, inexpeosive global communications via the Internet and E-mail. And so the



United States and Russia, the powers pivotal to big weapons agreements of the recent past, were left on the sidelines.

New Issues

 The absence of global military tensions has given both countries and peoples a range of new Issues to choose from in defining national security. Jessica Mathews, president of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, has written about the new search for "human security" emerging "from the conditions of daily life - food, shelter, employment, bealth, public safety - rather than flowing downward from a country's foreign relations and military strength."

Finally, when it comes to the pursuit of national selfinterest, it's hard to ignore the world's pre-eminent power. Some of the eroston of global goodwill can be attributed to annoyance over the United States' penchant for domestically driven economic sanctions - against

Cuba and Iran, for example --- and its refusal to compromise on smaller issues. If the United States had agreed to let a Frenchman bead the southern command of NATO and had not tried to curb French investment in Iran, would France have been more amenable to military action against Iraq?

'Transgovernmentalism'

The dissipation of hopes for global amity has prompted an esoteric debate among academics and experts about what exactly is going on

In a recent article in Foreign Affairs titled "The Real New World Order," Anne-Marie Slaughter, a Harvard law professor, argued that "liberal internationalism" - under which institutions like the United Nations kept the peace after the cold war - had been replaced by a "new medievalism," with the nation-state in permanent decline. But actually something called "transgovernmentalism" is becoming "the most widespread form of international governance," she wrote. By that she means not that the state is disappearing, but that government agencies, including courts, regulatory structures, even legislatures, are building global networks with their counterparts abroad.

Joseph S. Nye, dean of the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard, has launched a project called "Visions of Governance for the 21st Century." He has gone mathematical, offering a nine-cell matrix to describe the factors at work in governmental decisions today: national, subnational and supranational forces intersecting with the private sector, governments and nonprofit groups.

Despite all the messiness, the United States and the international community appear to have cooperated well in the new war against economic collapse - most recently with the current plan to bail out South Korea. They have marshaled their forces and taken swift, dramatic action to prevent instability. "After the financial crisis in Mexico, there was talk

about the principle of regional responsibility and leaving it to the United States," said Lawrence S. Summers, Deputy Secretary of the Treasury. "Now, with the Korean crisis, there is a general recognition of the principles of global responsibility."

Ultimately, the more than \$60 billion in loans to bail out South Korea will have to come from the world's taxpayers, so there is only so much patience for this sort of financial rescue.

There are other examples of New Age cooperation. NATO is drawing up plans that would keep NATO troops in Bosnia when their mandate runs out next June. And NATO's addition of three members from the former Warsaw Pact is proceeding better than expected.

"Obviously there are some things in which the international community is working in a collective fashion and some in which it is struggling," said Robert Zoellick, an Under Secretary of State during the Bush Administration. "It's not all or nothing."

Still, Mr. Zoellick, Mr. Zakaria and other foreign policy experts faulted the Clinton Administration for failing to develop long-term strategies for some of the world's thorniest problems, like Persian Gulf security. "It takes a lot of effort to maintain the world," said Mr. Zakaria. "But the Adminsitration hasn't prioritized. You can't keep saying, 'I want your cooperation on 'everything.'"

Lost in Translation

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Deja Vu

South Africa's American Romance

By DONALD G. MCNEIL Jr.

JOHANNESBURG

EXT mooth, choirs from the mixed-race oeighborboods of Cape Town will put on the city's bestknown annual event: the Coon Carnival. They will paint their faces black with big white lips, pop on straw boaters, pluck banjos and parade through the streets singing what they call "coon classics" like "Daar Kom die Alabama," a paean heralding the Confederate raider that defeated two Union warships off Cape Town in 1863.

And where did they get the idea? From American minstrel shows that toured here in the 1880's.

Do they care that the very oame of the event horrifies Americans today? Not really. It's a South African tradition. Who are the Americans to butt in?

South Africans of all colors love American culture. But outside the doors of McDonald's franchises, they almost never get it right. Isolated by distance, decades of apartheid and varying levels of education, they know verv little about American geography or history, so their versions of imports arrive as a strange grab bag that can be baffling, even jarring, to the Americans they mean to imitate.

Bits of Americana are ubiquitous.

Stars-and-stripes bandanas hang from rear-view mirrors almost as often as pine tree air-fresheners do in New York City taxis. Chicago Bulls caps can be found on cricket fields and in Bushman villages. Rap D.J.'s on Soweto radio stations speak with accents straight out of Bed-Stuy, although consistency is not a strong point: some can slide into one sentence sounding like the Notorious B.I.G. and out like Cary Grant

Tanya Accone, a former Fulbright scholar in Washington, remembers pretending to ; be American when she was a teen-age mall rat here. "I'd trill along in this fake accent, and people would just flock to me, wanting to talk," she said. "I told them I was from Huntington Beach."

Mickey Mouse

As in many countries, American music, movies and television are everywhere. The culture arrives unadulterated, except for a few obscenities and "Gods" bleeped out under censorship lingering from South Africa's Calvinist past. But it's the local imitations of American life that startle, because of the peculiar gaffes. Relatively few South Africans visit the United States, and many who do head straight for Disney World. So America gets reinterpreted with the kind of tunnel

vision found inside a Mickey Mouse costume. For example, every town with more than three paved streets has a Spurs Restaurant. The decor is Western, dominated by stainedglass murals of cattle drives and noble Indians. O.K., the \$10 steaks are served with "monkey gland" sauce (a Worcestershirestyle condiment that, despite its name, contains no simian ingredient), but that's pardonable, since restaurateurs have to please local tastes. But walk in as an American, and one can't belp but be struck by the thought: If this is a cowpoke steakhouse, why are the waiters wearing baseball uniforms? And what's the name of this place, anyway? Most of the Spurs bave cowhide-tough handles like Apache Spur or Durango Spur, Laredo, Seven Eagles or Dakota. But there's also the New Orleans, the Potomac, the La Jolla and the Sausalito. Why? Because it doesn't matter. They're American.

The logo of Yankee Fast Foods is the

The sincerest but not the most accurate form of flattery.

Confederate stars and bars. The Moosebead, which pours Mexican Corona beer but not Canadian Moosehead, serves credible Amerlcan regional cuisine, from buffalo wings to fried potato skins, but also makes a "Sioux Black Forest cherries jubilee" and "Maryland bouillabaisse." At the Walnut Grove, the "California breakfast" features orange juice and fried kippers. Franklin's Restaurant, which bas paintings of the Continental Congress on the walls, used to have pictures of the Reagan and Bush cabinets. It serves gumbo and jambalaya.

What's the second-biggest gang in the mixed-race Cape Flats? The Americans. It has sub-gangs: the Young Americans, the Ugly Americans and the JFK's. They sport USA tattoos and learned their America in Rambo movies:

The connection actually goes back to the 1940's, when another gang called the Americans roamed Sophiatown, the black neighborbood in Johannesburg. The slang for a gang member - "tsotsi" - is thought to derive from "zoot suit."

What are the most popular American whiskies? Jack Daniel's, Southern Comfort and something called Thomas Jefferson, which is bottled in Kentucky with a label explaining who Jefferson is. Cigarettes? Lo-



Discovering America at the San Pablo Spur Steak Ranch north of Johannesburg.

Attraction Contraction of the State

The cowpokes are wearing baseball uniforms, and the 'California breakfast' includes kippers.

cally made Chesterfields, a brand that all but died in the States 20 years ago. Other big brands are Peter Stuyvesants and John Rolfes. South Africans are surprised to learn that Americans not only don't smoke them, but that most can't identify Stuyvesant, the Governor of what was later New York, and Rolfe, America's first tobacco planter.

Older black South Africans seem surprised to learn that black children are no longer called "pickaninnies" in America, as they occasionally are here, even by their mothers. At a soccer game, a white American and his Zulu-speaking companion asked a black fan if he knew what his flag stood for: it was the Stars and Bars with a disk in the middle reading "The South Will Rise Again." Explaining slavery and even the Ku Khux Klan made no impression. Finally, the Zulu speaker shouted: "It's an A.W.B. flag, man!" using the initials for the pseudo-Nazi Afrikaner Weerstand Beweging. The astonished fan thanked them and rolled it up.

How does this happen? Most South Africans know little American history, and don't associate some things Southern - Aunt Jemima, Br'er Rabbit, Simon Legree - with slavery. The Confederate flag is just a second American flag.

Who's a Colonialist?.

Will American and South African minds ever truly meet?

Robert Grieg, a culture writer who has lived in New England and Seattle, says he's noticed the beginnings of a black backlash among a few officials of the African National Congress who fear that the pervasiveness of American culture will pollute the "African Renaissance" much spokeo about here these days.

"In post-colonial societies," he cautioned, "you get both an admiration for the colonial power - and a resentment"

But, an American protests, the United States never colonized South Africa. "Oh, yes you did," he answers. "Culturally, you did."

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Looking for a Needle, Can't Find the Haystack

By DAVID JOHNSTON

WASHINGTON IOTHER serious political scandal seems be to puttering sloppily to a close without anyone eing held accountable, without anyone being exonerated and without any real prospect that anythin will be done at all. Last week Attorocy General Janet Rno rejected the appointment of an independent prosector to investigate President Clinton and Vice Presidnt Al Gore for their White House fund-raising calls. ast month a Senate committee dropped its own campign finance inquiry after weeks of inconclusive hearigs. And outside the capital, many people tuned out and coved on.

; few investigative avenues remain open, at least theoetically. Ms. Reoo said her decision did not end ber inqury. She promised to reconsider an independent cousel, but only if fresh evidence materializes. Her canpalgn finance team at the Justice Department rerains on the job; although it has produced nothing aftr more than a year of probing, and in particular no evience yet that any of the higher-ups actually committe a crime, law enforcement officials predict indictments of lesser figures soon. Then there is a House committee that plans to keep digging, although the panel r wracked by partisan divisions and its agenda seems 1 best hazily defined.

A Fairly Clear Picture

Still, most of what happened in the campaign finance scandal of 1997 is by now authoritatively documented and reasonably clear: A frenzy of political fund-raising, spurred on by the President, swept the Clinton White House in 1995 and 1996. The fund-raising operation evolved into the worst campaign finance scandal since the days of Richard M. Nixon's Committee for the Reelection of the President. But neither the legal nor the political system has managed to do anything meaningful about it. And so another scandal peters out to an unsatisfying, inconclusive and uninformative finish.

The only casualties so far are the loose web of laws

and regulatory controls supposed to hold back the over-whelming influence of money in politics and the weak enforcement structure erected to make candidates play by the rules. That system lies in a ruined heap of ineffectiveness. Earlier this fall, a few Republicans and Democrats tried to tinker with the rules, but the effort was effortlessly squelched in Congress.

Ineffective Tools

Even post-Watergate anticorruptioo measures like the independent counsel statute - Intended m keep executive branch officials from being investigated by their political allies - proved to be useless tools for shedding light on what was more a political scandal than a clear-cut criminal conspiracy (although some law enforcement officials suggest that such a plot might yet be found)

Nor has the independent counsel law proved useful of late in bolding anyone accountable: Ms. Reno's interpretation of the statute and the history of recent prosecutors appointed under it suggest that this reform, like the campaign finance laws, is woefully inadequate.

Ms. Reno's decision to reject an independent prosecutor seemed inevitable because she narrowed the issue to the legality of phone calls made by Mr. Clinton and Mr. Gore, a footnote-sized allegation far removed from the root of what happened. Ms. Reno has defended ber decisioo by saying the law requires ber to examine the campaign finance allegations piecemeal, oot as a whole. The Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation,

Louis J. Freeh, broke with Ms. Reno on this point. He advised her in a memo that she should examine the allegations more broadly, saying the conflicts of interest were so great and the charges so numerous that only an independent prosecutor could credibly carry out the inquiry. But Ms. Reno dismissed his view

Furious that Ms. Reno had rejected Mr. Freeh's advice, Republicans want the F.B.I. Director and the Attorney General to appear this week before a House committee. But the panel seems as eager to put a harsh partisan spotlight on the disagreement between the country's two top law enforcement officials as it is to root out campaign finance abuses.



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Phone calls were small potatoes in the campaign-finance scandal, and they were what got investigated.

For ber part, Ms. Reno took an issue-by-issue approach to the law from the start. By the time she excused the fund-raising phone calls, she had already found insufficient evidence m support such an appointment oo a host of other campaign finance abuses. She found nothing in the grainy White House video tapes of the President buttering up big donors over Danish and coffee in the White House. Nor did she find anything worth an independent prosecutor in the awarding of overnight stays at the executive mansion to big donors, as if the Lincoln bedroom was a promotional premium like a coffee mug, tote bag or free junket to Las Vegas. Of course, history shows that even if Ms. Reno had

bent to Republican demands to seek an independent prosecutor, there would be no guarantee that the issues would be fully explored to the public's complete satisfaction. The experience of recent independent counsels suggests that they start aggressively in pursuit of highlevel officials but wind up years later, after spending millions of dollars, prosecuting peripheral figures for trivial crimes - often for refusing to cooperate with the prosecutor's investigation of their political superiors. One constant: whichever party controls the executive branch complains that the inquiry is politically motivated.

Not one of the five independent prosecutors appointed since Ms. Reno has been Attorney General bas convicted the main subjects of their inquiries, although Donald C. Smaltz, the independent prosecutor appointed to investigate former Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy. has charged Mr. Espy with receiving gifts from companies regulated by the Agriculture Department. Mr. Espy has said he did not break the law and a trial is pending.

Then there is the six-year-long inquiry into the Irancontra affair, the longest and costliest of them all. Frustrated by the resistance of principal witnesses and wearied by batties over classified documents, the independent counsel, Lawrence E. Walsh, slogged onward until being shut down in 1992 by President Bush's Christmas Eve pardon, which excused a half dozen officials in the case.

Mr. Walsh was forced to end his long and tangled inquiry without proving his central thesis: that President Reagan and his top advisers had plotted to cover up illegal arms shipments to Iran.

The Iran-courra affair was serious, but the charges that Mr. Walsh was ultimately able to bring raised the question of whether the legal process could unravel a complex political scandal. The prosecutions were at best only symbolic and seemed so peripheral that the serious issues were hopelessly obscured.

For example, trying Oliver L. North for accepting the gift of a \$13,800 home alarm system persuaded a jury that he had committed a crime (later overturned on appeal). But the case was so remote from central issues that the affair itself seemed almost to disappear -- like the campaign finance case seems to be doing now.

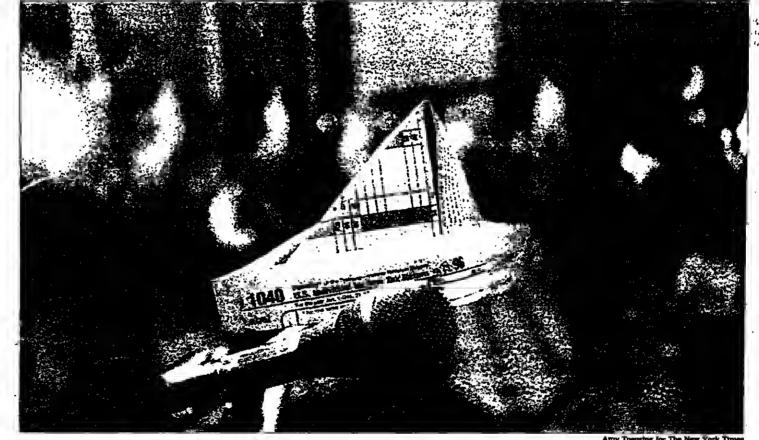
Health-Care Reform Redux

A Tax Overhaul Looks Good, From Afar

By DAVID E. ROSENBAUM

WASHINGTON AX reform may prove to be for Republicans what health care reform was for Democrats - a seemingly popular idea that turned into a political disaster.

In the case of health care, a 1991 Gallup Poll showed that 85 percent of Americans



: The Health Insurance Institute of America ---- the organization that sponsored the Harryand-Louise television commercials that worked so effectively against the Clinton health plan - is already maintaining that because neither Republican tax plan would allow businesses to deduct the cost of insurance premiums for their employees, the number of people without medical insurance would explode.

The real estate industry holds that the

believed that the system needed reforming. Bill Clinton seized on this mood and made health care reform a ceoterpiece of his 1992 election campaign. Good medical insurance, he declared, was a right, not a privilege. He promised to make it affordable to everyone.

But the mooumental plan President Clinton offered after he was elected was carefully picked apart by interest groups like insurance companies, doctors and small businesses. The Republican minority in Coogress opposed the President at every turn. Many people became scared that they might lose the ability to choose their own doctors or get treatment when they oeed it.

Ultimately, most voters and politicians decided that changes would be worse than sticking with the old health care system. flaws and all, Mr. Clinton's plan died in 1994. It was the most serious political defeat of his Presidency, and contributed oo doubt to the Republicans' victory in the Congressional elections that year.

Délà Vu

The Republican drive for replacing the Federal income tax is taking shape in a similar fashion.

The latest Gallup Poll found that 73 percent of Americans believe that the tax system needs major changes or a complete overhaul. Republican lawmakers are stumping the country under the banner of "scrap the code." Party leaders believe they can make hay over Democratic opposition to tax reform and ride the issue to victory in the Congressional elections next year and the Presidential election in 2000.

But here's the rub: When they scrutinize the details of what the Republicans are proposing, people may find, as they did with the Democrats' health care plan, that they would What's under that hat? Representative Dick Armey folded up a 1040 form when he kicked off his tax reform drive this fall.

be worse off than they are now.

President Clinton said in an interview last week that he might suggest some tax measures himself oext year. But be is not likely to side with Republicans and favor completely revamping the system. Two main Republican plans are being discussed.

One, drafted by Representative Dick Armey of Texas, the majority leader, would impose a single flat tax of 20 percent for two years and 17 percent thereafter on both individual and business income and abolish almost all deductions and exemptions. The other, promoted by Representative W.J. (Billy) Tauzin of Louisiana, would replace

the income tax with a national sales tax of 15 percent on almost all goods and services.

Both plans have provisions meant to insulate the poor. Mr. Armey would increase the persooal exemption so that a family of four with annual income below \$33,800 would owe no taxes. Mr. Tauzin would give periodic tax rebates to the poor. But both would repeal the earned-income tax credit, which provides cash to low-income workers.

Republicans say they hope to avoid the pitfalls of the health care experience by proceeding more cautiously than President Clinton did. Representative Bill Archer of Texas, the chairman of the Ways and Means

Committee, met last week with Mr. Clinton about taxes. The upshot seemed to be that nothing more than tinkering with the tax law is likely next year.

Certainly oo one expects votes next year on rewriting the tax code. Mr. Archer says that without a bipartisan approach, full-scale tax reform is out of the question until a Republican is elected President. But that will not stop the Republicans from talking about tax reform oext year.

Many powerful interest groups are gearing up to fight the Republican plans with the money and fervor that was used in the health care battle.

price of houses would rise enormously without the mortgage interest deduction. Many companies say they would go out of business if they could not write off the depreciation cost of expensive machinery and equipment already in their factories.

Math Problems

As if that were not enough, simple arithmetic shows that middle-class families would almost certainly pay higher taxes under the Republican plans than they do now. If the rich pay less in taxes, as they certainly would with a sales tax or an income tax rate cut, someone has to make up the difference if total Government revenues remain approximately the same. The Treasury has calculated, for instance, that a flat tax raising as much money as the existing tax system would require a 20.8 percent rate and that essentially all families with annual incomes below \$200,000 would face more taxes.

Mr. Armey and Mr. Tauzin dispute such calculations. The skeptics, they say, do not take account of the lower interest rates and economic expansion that would result from their plans.

But that is theory, not fact. The Republicans might have trouble selling their ideas to voters just as Mr. Clinton could never convince people that they would be better off with his health program.

Here's why. In Mr. Clinton's case, while millions of Americans-lack adequate health insurance, the vast majority of people are in fact covered. The comparable problem for Republicans on taxes is that while millions of taxpayers are frustrated by high rates and complicated rules on deductions, about twothirds of Americans either owe no taxes or take the standard deduction and are taxed at a 15 percent rate.

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In Medicine, the Government Will Rise Again

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didn't win the E.M.O.'s many friends.

But more fundamental economic forces have also been at work. When employees worried they would lose health insurance of any sort, it was relatively easy to channel them into restrictive H.M.O.'s. But "now that they no longer fear for their jobs," Mr. Pauly said, they balk at running bureaucratic gauntlets to see specialists and "employers are again using generous benefits to attract and keep employees.'

Insurers are responding to the backlash by offering less restrictive coverage. Employers are trying to pass on costs by requiring befty co-payments - typically 30 percent - for the unquestioned right to see physicians outside designated provider panels. And in response to a combination of public pressure and intense lobbying by providers, government is making its weight felt.

Many states are regulating everything from the length of a hospital stay for a mastectomy to the financial incentives that H.M.O.'s give to physicians for deoying treatment. And Congress is flooded with similar ad hoc proposals from both sides of the aisle - including one from that stalwart of Republicanism, Senator Alfonse M. D'Amato of New York.

Ironically, the regulatory initiative least likely to offeod the sensibilities of free marketers is coming from the folks who brought you the Clinton plan. While the 'consumer bill of rights" for health care just proposed by the Administratioo has a little something for everyone, its focus is on insuring adequate information for consumers, along with effective competitioo among insurers and providers. "Anyone should be able to compare plan benefits or physicians' credentials by logging oo to the Internet," Mr. Reinhardt said.

This "make the market work" approach to reform

- which, parenthetically, has its origins in the trustbusting crusade of the very Republican Presideot Teddy Roosevelt - is not likely to please private insurers. But Mr. Reischauer predicts their opposition will soften since "they don't want to deal with regulators in 50 different states "

It's too early to say how the politics and economics of health care regulation will play out in detail. But a few things are clear.

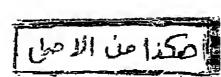
Progress Costs

Explaining the lion's share of growth in health care outlays per person, Joseph Newhouse, an economist at Harvard, notes that "medical technology has traditionally advanced in costly ways." Hence any regulation that trimmed a percentage point or two off the annual growth of medical bills would have to slow innovation - or channel if in cost styling directions like outpatient care. By the same tobart the ideas that for-profit care is at

least as good as nonprofit, and that insured patients have no obligation to subsidize the uninsured poor are likely to come under intense scrutiny. "Are we really prepared to cede authority over, who gets what treatment to private agents?" said Henry Aaron, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution.

Change, Mr. Reischauer predicts, will come as "three steps forward and two steps back." But he suggests that we may be overestimating the difficulty of coming m terms with systems that ration medical services through a combination of cold cost-benefit Calculations and consumers willingness to pay.

"The real section is coming from people who grew up with unfillined fee-for-service insurance," he contends. "Younger Americans are ready to accept managed care."



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Ideas & Trends

Ethical Fears Aside, Science Plunges On

By GEORGE JOHNSON

ITH the prospect of human cloning becoming less unthinkable by the day, it seems almost quaint that a mere decade ago people were up in arms over the perils of spraying strawberries with bacteria genetically altered to prevent frost.

At about the same time, a Montana scientist, bounded by cries that he was tampering with nature, tearfully chopped down a grove of trees he had carefully injected with bacteria whose genes bad been rejiggered to fight Dutch elm disease. For all the outrage and apprehensions, one would have thought he was playing with something as dangerous as the Andromeda Strain.

Gene-splicing, artificial insemination, in

The unthinkable invariably becomes inevitable.

vitro fertilization, bovine growth hormone, genetically engineered tomatoes - all jolted people to dig out their yellowed copies of Aldous Huxley and Michael Cricbton and tremble before the certainty that the worst was yet to come. Genies were being let out of bottles. Brave new worlds were approaching.

And in the end, all the bioethical agonizing was largely beside the point. The scientists kept quietiy, deliberately working away, incrementally improving the technology. What seemed scary to people slowly started to seem interesting, and maybe useful. Looking back over the years, it's hard to find a case in which the unthinkable remained unthinkable for very long.

Earlier this year, with the sudden appearance of Dolly, the genetically duplicated lamb, it seemed that science had finally come up against an unbreachable moral barrier. Against many of their own expecta-

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ble to take a cell from an adult mammal and use it as the seed for a new creature. But one scientist after another vowed that cloning would never be done with people. Finally, it seemed, science would not try to do something just because it could.

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In the midst of the panic, President Clinton called an obscure group known as the National Bioethics Advisory Commission into action. Moralizing under the pressure of a Presidentially imposed 90-day deadline, the panel gravely concluded that human cloning was wrong and called for a moratorium. Mr. Clinton, armed with the latest in family-value issues, declared that the practice would violate "the sacred family bonds at the very core of our ideals and our society" and "make our children objects rather than cherished individuals."

Monkey See, Human Do

Bills were debated in Congress, professional ethicists convened conferences and wrote books and articles. California banned human cloning. Meanwhile, the real action was quietly going on in the laboratories, outside the periphery of the public eye. Federally supported experiments in cloning monkeys for use in AIDS vaccine and other research was continuing outside the limelight. What can be done with monkeys can probably be done with people. "We are laying the groundwork," one of the scientists said.

Dr. Steen Willadsen, who developed techniques used to make Dolly, said it was "just a matter of time" before the first human is cloned. Anticipating that cloning will inevitably become an accepted medical procedure, he is now working in a fertility clinic, perfecting techniques that could eventually be used for the ultimate in reproductive freedom making a younger copy of yourself.

It's the same old story. The terror of Jurassic Park dinosaurs on the loose in San Diego or the eerie absurdity of cloning multiple Hitiers in "The Boys From Brazil" gives way to practical questions. Infertile couples wonder whether cloning one of their cells to make a baby is really any more unnatural than taking fertility drugs and ending up with septuplets.

Could it be that cloning a cancer victim to

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Ethical Concerns

No one should be Pollyannish about this. Before human cloning becomes as acceptable as implanting frozen embryos, all kinds of moral and legal dilemmas would have to be dealt with. Should we worry about the undue pressures a clone might feel to give up a body part? Would knowing that you were conceived for utilitarian purposes be psychologically upsetting? Or would it be no worse than learning you were an accident, or adopted, or conceived in a petri dish? If history is a guide, the answers to these questions will

Over time, all the dire warnings and predictions seem to have the opposite of the intended effect. People become inured to the predictable hand-wringing and begin to feel that every new development is accompanied by an obligatory round of chilling scenarios, which often turn out to be wrong. Each new pill, for better or worse, is just a little bit easier to swallow. One wonders whether in 10 years, or in 5 or 3, the outrage over cloning will seem as misguided as medieval bans on dissecting cadavers in medical schools. What was the big deal, anyway?

With each new development the labyrinth of possibilities expands. New channels of thought open up. Trying to recreate an old moral mindset becomes as difficult as imagining why Beethoven at first sounded shocking, or remembering wby mood rings and pet rocks once seemed cool.

It's almost as though society wants its scientists to spring these surprises on them. And people know deep down that, like it or not, what can be done probably will. From

the time the first caveman, obsessed with the image of a circle, picked up a chisel and turned a block of stone into a wheel, ideas good ones and bad - have had a way of breaking loose from the mind. Thought inevitably crystallizes into action, ideas into things, and even notions that seem frighteningly dangerous have to be tried at least once before they are accepted, regulated or, occasionally, banned.

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Some of the scientists of the Manhattan Project, working on the first hydrogen bomb, worried that it might set off a global chain reaction and turn the earth into a burning star. After a round of marathon calculations convinced them that this probably wouldn't happen, they crossed their fingers and exploded the bomb anyway. Then the world was left to deal with the mess.

"When you see something that is technically sweet you go ahead and do it," the physicist Robert Oppenheimer said later, "and you argue about what to do about it only after you have had your technical success."

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Companies like CyberPatrol and NetNanny develop lists of what is acceptable for children to see using a combination of automated searches for keywords and buman value judgment. Some parents might disagree with those choices, if they knew what was excluded. Since the Web is so big, with bundreds of sites added

daily, much of the material is blocked simply because software monitors bave not bad time to review it. And since small, non-commercial sites are likely to be rated last, filter tools dramatically undercut the Internet's much-touted freedom, critics say.

The same problem affects self-rating. Under a plan promoted by the Recreational Software Advisory Council, sites rate themselves on a scale of 0 to 4 based on violence, language, sex and nudity. But only 50,000 sites bave rated themselves so far; the vast majority of the Web could be screened out.

The A.C.L.U. is loath to oppose parents from choosing their own filtering software at home. But battles are emerging at libraries and schools. Many employers have also adopted filters for screening explicit material as well as categories like "life style." And there is also a fear that the Internet's main

gatekeepers - including America Online, Netscape and Microsoft - will offer only a few filters, which many parents will automatically use.

A Blander Web

That could make for a much blander Web. James Boyle, a professor at American University's Washington College of Law, conjures the notion of a Disneyesque rating system that screens children from anything controversial. "No content provider will want to lose the portion of the population that always runs the Disney filter, even if they suspect that some of its users don't know the filter was ever turned on, and might not know how to turn it off if they did," Mr. Boyle told the Internet Legal Practice Newsletter, an on-line publication.

Theoretically, PICS allows users to construct their own rating system. But the time and expense it takes makes that unlikely. And even if surfers came up with ratings plans, some civil libertarians worry that the technology's unprecedented ability to screen for narrow. stripes of unwelcome speech has troubling implications for a democracy based on the free exchange of ideas.

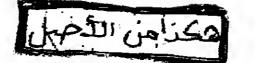
In real space, skinheads demonstrate in public, gay pride groups march on city streets and The National Review sits next to. The Nation on the newsstand. In virtual space, the freedom to speak may not imply the same ability to be beard. And while true freedom of the press may always have belonged to those who owned one, the widespread adoption of high-tech blinders seems a particularly ironic outcome in a medium that for the first time gave that freedom to average citizens.

But Jerry Berman, executive director of the Center for Democracy and Technology, argues that such devices are simply a natural translation of real-world filters into cyberspace and serve the added purpose of deflecting more onerous government regulation.

Such filters may well flourish - with or without legislation - leaving Americans to decide for themselves how and whether the principles of free speech as guaranteed by the Constitution ought to apply in the free

"The question we're asking now is not, 'Is this Constitutional?' " said David Sobel, an attorney with the Electronic Privacy Information Center, another civil liberties organization. "It's, 'Is this a good idea?"





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Will Moscow's Gains Prove a Loss For Shareholders?

By EDWARD WYATT

ENIN must be spinning in his tomb. The city of Moscow, once the capital of global Communism, could soon be the parent of an American mutual fund.

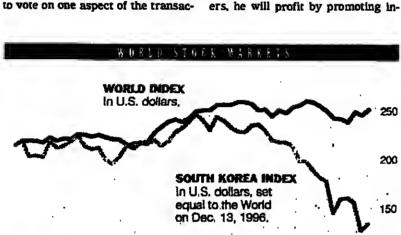
And no ordinary mutual fund, at that. Lexington Troika Dialog Russia has been, for much of this year, the best performer among all mutual funds in the United States. Before Russian stocks caught the cootagion that swept from Asia to other emerging markets in October, the fund had gained more than 130 percent in 1997. It has oot fared as well lately, bowever, with the market turmoil of the last two months slashing the fund's value by more than a third. So although Lexingtoo Troika remains up 60 percent since Jan. 1, most shareholders have lost money because they bought their shares after the fund had run up those huge gains. The turmoil extends to Troika Dialog Asset Management, part of the Moscow-based brokerage firm that co-manages the lund's portfolio with the Lexington Management Corporation, a New Jersey-based mutual lund company. Troika Dialog is to be sold early next year to the Bank of Moscow, whose majority owner is the municipal government of Russia's capital city. Shareholders of the Lexington Troika fund are scheduled

tion on Dec. 19.

Why should investors care? The city is in the midst of privatizing hundreds of municipally owned enterprises. And while such deals in Russia have been marked by almost unfettered cronyism, the American regulators who oversee Lexington Troika can be expected to take a harsh stance on investments by the lund that are done at anything less than arm's length. If Russla's markets are the wild, wild West, the Securities and Exchange Commission can play the tough sheriff, even Irom afar.

And then there are the unanswered questions about the future involvement of the fund's founder. Peter Derby, a Jamaica, Queens, oative who over the last seven years built Troika Dialog into Russia's biggest brokerage firm. He will not disclose what he is getting from the Bank of Moscow for selling, and bc is noncommittal when asked what his continuing relotionship with Troika Dialog and the fund will be. But it is hard to see how the fund's

shareholders can win. To the extent that Mr. Derby distances himself from the fund, they lose the benefits of his investing prowess, including the contacts that have helped the fund to make timely investments. To the extent that he remains involved. his motives will be different: As one of Russia's premier merchant bank-



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Gavin Rankin, left, does the stock-picking for the Lexington Troika Dialog Russia fund, while Richard Hisey, right, oversees broad strategy.

vestments to the fund rather than in making the fund perform well for

shareholders. For investors who bought shares of the Lexington Troika fund early. 1997 has been a vastly successful year. But for the majority of shareholders, the recent upheaval offers a cautionary tale about the hazards of investing in cmerging markets. Recent sharp drops in stock mar-

kets in Asia, South America and Eastern Europe prove that the strategy of spreading assets across the globe, in the hope that sovereign markets will act independently, remains a theory at best. And despite a global communications revolution that can instantly link an investor in Iowa with an executive in Irkutsk, there remain vast differences in securities regulations, accounting methods and the simple realities of doing honest business between West and East - differences that make investing in emerging markets far more risky than some mutual fund companies would have investors believe,

"These issues get raised in emerging markets all the time," said Julie Allecta, a specialist in mutual fund law at the San Francisco firm of Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker who was formerly a lawyer at the S.E.C. "But they seem to exist in Russia to an inordinate degree."

EW entrepreneurs, if any, have been more successful in negotiating a path through Russia's fledgling securities business than Mr. Derby, 37, who moved to Moscow in 1990. He has since created a oneman financial cooglomerate comprising Dlalog Bank, a commercial bank; the Development and Restructuring Bank, a merchant bank; a related insurance company; Troika 30.6 Dialog, the brokerage and invest-32.8 ment banking firm, and its subsid-219 iary that is co-manager of the fund. 17.3 Yet some participants in the close-41.4 knit Moscow brokerage community 40.5 are still shaking their beads in won-25.6 der at Mr. Derby's decision in July to 39.2 sell a portion of Troika Dialog --24.0 which, given the explosion of under--29.9 writing business in Russia, is one of 41.3 his most attractive businesses. Last 53.1 week, at a Russian investment con--13.7 ference in New York, several ex--55.8 pressed surprise when informed of 45.4 Mr. Derby's sale of the remainder of 42.4 Troika Dialog in the pending deal, 5.6 which was disclosed only when the 25.3 Lexington Troika fund filed a proxy -41.4 statement in the United States last -29.1 month. -14.1 And to these rivals, his decision to 43.4 choose the Bank of Moscow over a 31.9 foreign partner - eveo as some of 49.2 Troika Dialog's competitors were -58.8 forging links with rich Western in-32.9 vestment banks - is the deal's most curious aspect. In its recent ranking of the top 100 banks in Russia, the Moscow-based publication Russia Review ranks the Bank of Moscow the country's 12thlargest bank in total assets. But in terms of available capital, it ranks 32d. In a separate creditworthiness ranking by IC Rating, a Russian bank research firm, the Bank of Moscow sits squarely in the middle of the pack. The bank does have one promising asset, however - its link with the City of Moscow, a municipality that is essentially the realm of one man, Mayor Yuri Luzhkov. Executives in the Russian securities industry say a relationship with the Mayor is as

important to generating business as any link with a foreign partner. One executive, who spoke on condi-

tion of anonymity because of his desire to continue to do business with the city, likened Mr. Luzhkov's influence to the power once wielded by Chicago's legendary Mayor Richard J. Daley. "Like Daley, Luzhkov has got his fingers in a lot of pies," the executive said.

HE Mayor was traveling last week and could not be reached for comment on his ties to the

Bank of Moscow and whether be would have any involvement with Troika Dialog. But Mr. Derby said of Mr. Luzhkov: "Troika Dialog's bonesty and integrity are its main assets, as he sees it. He wants to make sure the firm grows properly."

Moscow's Mayor Is not likely to be picking stocks for the Lexington Troika fund. But the fund's managers clearly hope to benefit from its new ties. "The bank's relationship with the City of Moscow places Troika Dialog in an excellent investment banking position for the companies yet to be privatized by the City of Moscow," states the Lexington Troika fund's latest proxy statement.

"That's troublesome," Ms. Allecta said. "They seem to be saying they have access to inside information, that they can manipulate the market because they can control the timing of certain entities being privatized."

Richard Hisey, a managing director at Lexington Management, the Saddle Brook, N.J., firm that markets Lexington Troika to American investors, said that the fund was comfortable that it would remain in compliance with the Investment Company Act of 1940, the governing statute for the mutual fund industry.

nmes, high volatility or questions of a political nature that affected the fund - I had the dominant say," he said. "The alliance with the Bank of Moscow, going forward, will change that.'

But not entirely, "Of course, I will continue to maintain relationships with the management and individuals at Troika Dialog, and we will continue to work together when it's prudent to do so," Mr. Derby said. "I think we can go in with Troika Dialog on some of our transactions since we have this personal relationship."

ET if the cord is not being fully severed between Troika Dialog and its founding father, shareholders in the Lexington Troika fund may want to know how Mr. Derby's interests will compete with their own. For answers, investors in Lexington Troika, like shareholders of all funds, will have to rely on the managers and independent directors

- most of whom are based in the United States. S.E.C. officials look closely at potential conflicts of interest, especially when they occur in foreign markets. In its oversight of funds that invest heavily in developing markets like Russia, "we ask funds to consider and describe any problems that might be material from the perspective of investors," said Barry Barbash, director of the S.E.C.'s mutual

fund division In Lexington Troika's case, that results in several eve-numbing pages of the fund's prospectus, devoted to warnings about the possible negative effects of adverse political or diplomatic developments, social instability, expropriation or nationalization of assets, armed conflict in Chechnya, tensions between the President and the legislature, unrest caused by military downsizing, inexperience of corporate managers, lack of modero technology, lack of capital, high inflation, high taxes, dependence on foreign economic aid, and stock market speculators among other conditions.

The danger, regulators acknowledge, is that the disclosures are so overburdened with descriptions of possible negative outcomes as to make all the warnings seem irrelevant.

Of course, the biggest concern of the fund's shareholders may be the losses most are now sitting on. Numbers supplied by AMG Data

Services, an Arcata, Calif., company that tracks the flow of cash in and out of mutual funds, show that two-thirds of the new investment into Lexington Troika this year came in the third soared 78 percent in the first six months In doubling the fund's assets in a

\$17 for the first time since early May,

Another measure of the fund's re-

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cent problems: Despite its shining performance in the first half, Lexington Troika this year bas lost about \$15 million in investors' money, according to AMG Data's numbers through the end of November - and \$1 out of every \$3 invested since the end of June.

O be sure, some of the fund's sharp gains and subsequent losses were results of frenzied activity in the overall Russian stock market and had little to do with specific stock selections by the fund's managers.

Nevertheless, the fund's portfolio poses substantial risks of its managers' making.

At the end of June, the date of the last semiannual disclosure of the fund's entire portfolio, 13 percent of Lexington Troika's assets were in "illiquid securities," defined in the prospectus as those that cannot be sold within seven days "without taking a materially reduced price." Included among those were the fund's second-largest holding at the end of June: six million shares of Sibneft, an oil and gas company, which represented 4.2 percent of the fund's assets and 6 percent of its equity holdings. In the Russian market, analysts say, shares of all but the largest of formerly state-owned companies can be hard to trade in volatile markets.

Last week, Mr. Hisey said that the percentage of the fund's assets in illiquid securities was still about the same, adding that those stocks had takeo "a haircut along with the other holdings in the fund's portfolio."

Mr. Rankin, the Troika Dialog research director, noted that during the late October crash in the Russian market, It became essentially impossible to trade those illiquid securities

"You had what always happens wheo there's a crash: the focus was on liquid names, and on the illiquid ones there was really very little trading done," he said, "Many investors who spent a considerable amount of time to build up those positions in second- and third-tier stocks were reluctant to fire-sell them."

How does a mutual fund value its boldings of rarely traded Russian stocks that no one wants to buy? That question, too, troubled the S.E.C. when Lexington Troika first asked for permission to sell its shares, said Mr. Bean, the Moscow. lawyer.

To gain approval, the fund agreed to keep about 15 percent of its assets in "very liquid assets" like United States Treasury issues, according to e prospectus, so that it could

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U.S. dollars to the British pound		1.6573	1.6886	-1.85	1 6468

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"The fire walls have been set up' to protect against conflicts of interest, he said.

Bruce Bean, a lawyer in the Moscow office of the Coudert Brothers law firm who has monitored events surrounding the fund, said investors should be protected by virtue of the fund's operation under S.E.C. oversight. "Russian law and regulation in this area is clearly underdeveloped," he said. "But American mutual-fund law is overdeveloped."

But investors cannot count on the fund's stellar performance surviving a management shake-up.

As chairman of Troika Dialog, Mr. Derby had substantial input into the firm's management of the Lexington Troika fund. So shareholders are bound to wonder if, after the sale, the fund's manager will lose much of the expertise that helped it to rack up big gains this year.

For most of the lund's 18-mooth existence, Mr. Derby said, he bas provided big-picture investment ideas but left the stock-picking to a team led by Gavin Rankin, the Moscow-based head of research for Troika Dialog. Meanwhile, the fund's broad strategy has been overseen by Mr. Hisey, who works for Lexington in the United States. The two companies split equally the fund's management fee of 1.25 percent.

But Mr. Derby acknowledged that he often took a more direct role. "I built this firm from scratch," he said. He cootinues to refer to the Troika Dialog companies as "my children." And at times, he said, he stepped in to personally supervise the fund's investments.

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That means that the fund sold some of its more liquid stocks while continuing to hold most of its illiquid ooes, he said.

Glasnost Success

Peter Derby said it was a 1987 trip to Russia in the entourage of Billy Joel, the pop singer, that opened bis eyes to the opportunities there.

"I saw a lot of young people who looked just like the audiences at Madison Square Garden," said Mr. Derby, who served as a translator during Mr. Joel's historic concert tour. "At the time, Gorbachev was talking about glasnost, telling young people to go out there and bave a life.'

In developing his securities business, Mr. Derby said, "I wanted to be there to provide legitimate answers for them."

In the process, he undoubtedly has made himself very wealthy, though be won't disclose details of his finances

His firm, Troika Dialog, has been the top trader among all brokerage firms operating in the rapidly growing Russian securities market, beating out esteemed competitors like Credit Suisse First Boston. Not bad for a child of immigrants.



arilynn K. Yee/The New York Time Peter Derby of Troika Dialog.

"I grew up speaking only Russian at home in Queens until I was 5 years old," Mr. Derby said to an interview last week in New York, where he was attending a conference on Russian markets. "When I went to Russia, I found the people there just like my family. I wanted to help them, but not to take advantage of them."

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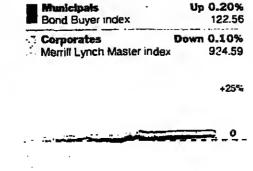
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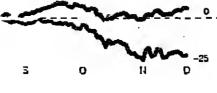
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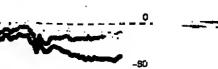
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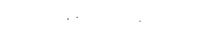
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Janet Reno last week blocked appointment of an independent counsel to investigate the campaign finance scandal, but she couldn't stop the cascade of reports about disarray in her department. A law firm so convulsed by conflict would soon be out of business, but for this Justice Department anarchy and mismanagement are a way of life.

The portrait that emerges starkly from a variety of recent accounts - in The New Yorker, The Wall Street Journal and The Times, to mention only a few - is that of a department lacking the leadership and organizational structure to deal with the most important criminal investigation in the capital. Ms. Reno, however flinty she may be, has not staffed key positions nor communicated any sense of urgency about enforcing campaign laws. Instead she has run true to the well-documented pattern she established as a Florida prosecutor, micromanaging minor issues while letting big ones drift, except for the rare times when she has a strong deputy.

The consequences are painfully visible, not least in her revision of the role of the nation's chief law enforcement officer. When Ms. Reno emerges into public view, it is always to say she cannot find evidence that any important Federal law has been broken, never mind all the unchallenged accounts of millions sluicing through the Asian pipeline. Every decision she has made and comment she has offered has minimized the offenses and excused the conduct of the White House and Democratic Party. The person who is supposed to be the nation's chief prosecutor, ever alert for signs of infraction, sounds instead like a technicality-hunting defense lawyer.

Under Ms. Reno, the criminal division, which would in a normal Justice Department be all over this investigation, has been without a leader for two years. This alone would be an inexcusable lapse. But as our colleague William Safire noted, the place is shot through with conflicts of interest. The acting head, John Keeney, had to recuse himself from the campaign case because his son is a lawyer for John Huang, one of the central figures under investigation. The official responsible for supervising the inquiry, Lee Radek, the head of the public integrity section, is a timid bureaucrat regarded in some quarters, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as being more interested in controlling the case than in pushing it.

Little wonder that months were wasted as an inexperienced prosecutor working for Mr. Radek failed to chase the most obvious leads, many of which appeared on newspaper front pages. When Ms. Reno could no longer ignore the hreathtaking incompetence of this bunch, she brought in Charles La Bella, a seasoned Federal prosecutor. He quickly clashed with Mr. Radek, who is still fighting to control the inquiry and still has Ms. Reno's ear.

By last week as Ms. Reno pondered whether to seek an outside counsel to investigate fund-raising calls by President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore, she faced open rebellion hy Louis Freeh, the F.B.I. Director. He disassociated himself from Ms. Reno's handling of the scandal and made sure his views were known. The White House then all but invited Mr. Freeh to resign with a tepid statement of support - "Louis Freeh is leading that agency as best he can," in the weaselly words of Mike McCur-TY.

You do not have to believe, as we do, that Federal law requires appointment of an independent counsel to see that this is a department in managerial meltdown. Congress will be pressing Ms. Reno to unchain Mr. La Bella and Mr. Frech and order Mr. Radek and his hureaucratic associates to stand aside. If Ms. Reno would only allow a vigorous investigation, she would soon find that her narrow reading of the independent counsel law cannot be sustained.

Learning From 'The Lion King'

"O'Clock matinee began. A little girl stared, as did her "not only links lions and antelopes, flesh and grass. It mother, at the walls and ceiling of the New Amsterdam Theater, whose ornaments intertwined like a lungle of architectural marzipan. One evil parent turned to her son - or was it to his father? - and said, "I want you to know, a ticket to this costs as much as a ticket to Disney World for the whole day." But then the lights fell, and within moments the aisles and stage had filled with the animals of invention. Adults gasped, and every child in the audience began to reread an old, familiar text - the one inscribed on worn videos of Disney's animated "Lion King" - now hrought to life by Julie Taymor on Broadway. The special genius of Ms. Taymor's version of "The Lion King" is the way it unmasks - and decloys - the anthropomorphism of Disney's animated animal films. Ms. Taymor's production reveals the humans who animate the animals on stage. No actor is fully hidden hy his mask or costume, and yet every actor is completely transformed by the character of animal movement. Life-size giraffes move stiffly across a symbolic savannah, but the audience is encouraged to see the human head from which the giraffe's neck rises and to admire the human frame that is poised so perfectly - so giraffely - on stilts. This is a way of articulating and closing the gap between the human and animal worlds, a gap that Disney's animation, and the often insipid philosophizing it accompanies, pretends is nonexistent

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One child counted down the seconds until the 2 "The Lion King" - "Circle of Life." That song now reminds the listener that what is human is also partly animal and what is animal is also partly

human Ms. Taymor uses what she calls "ideograms" to represent emotion and elements of the natural world. She and her collaborators have Africanized "The Lion King" visually and musically, turning what was a piece of largely unlocalized fluff into a

Americans Can Use the Law to Control Cloning the loss of getting only half one's

To the Editor:

Williadsen as saying that "in America, cloning may be bad but telling people how they should reproduce is worse." But the defining characteristic of American life is not total personal freedom. It is self-rule by consensus. Americans bave the power to forbid, through the passage of laws, any practice deemed destructive to our quality of life. Two things are needed to navigate rapidly evolving reproductive technology: the wisdom to ascertain what should and should not be allowed and

the conviction to shape our reasoning into law. If these qualities are not brought to bear, we deserve whatever world that cloning hrings us. In the meantime, anything that is not forbidden will be done. That we can count on. SHEBA DELANEY



Race and the Founders

To the Editor:

New York, Dec. 2, 1997

Re "Clinton, at Meeting on Race, Jews Are Listening" (Week in Re-Struggles to Sharpen Debate" (front page, Dec. 4): President Clinton, at view, Nov. 30), focusing as it does on the single word "apology," may leave the "town hall" meeting in Akron, the impression that the Roman Catho-Ohio, said: "We live in a country that lic Church and Pope John Paul II. is the longest-lasting democracy in have yet to begin "an honest reckonhuman history, founded on the elementary proposition that we are creing" with regard to the Holocaust. In fact, the Holy See, through the ated equal by God. That's what the International Catholic-Jewish Liaison Constitution says. And we have nev-Committee, has spent the last decade er lived that way perfectly, but the investigating these issues in dialogue whole history of America is in large with Jewish scholars. Symbolic of the measure the story of our attempt to Pope's concern are his historic 1986 give a more perfect meaning to the visit to the Great Synagogue of Rome thing we started with - the Constitu-

tion and the Bill of Rights." The problem is, of course, that the 'elementary proposition that we are created equal by God" is in the Declaration of Independence.

And "the thing we started with." and keep trying to "give a more perfect meaning to," is not the Constitution and the Bill of Rights but the assertion of human equality in the Declaration of Independence. To be fair, Bill Clinton is not the only American who gets our basic documents all mixed up. Still, a man sworn to: "preserve, protect and defend the Constitution" should have a better ideacomplist what that document does and does not say. A champion of affirmative action should also have a better grasp on the connection between that effort to achieve racial equality and "the thing we started with." PAULINE MAJER

Camhridge, Mass., Dec. 5, 1997 The writer is a professor of Ameri-

Why Cells Share

front-page article on cloning was the distinction between this technique and other "new reproductive arrangements," like in vitro fertilization and surrogate mothers.

To reproduce sexually, plants and animals take a cell, throw away half its genes (to form an egg or sperm cell) and then search for someone else to provide the missing half. If adaptations exist to get genes into the next generation, then asexual reproduction - cloning - should be more efficient. But among plants and animals it is almost nonexistent.

A body of literature over the last two decades suggests that the reason lies in the genetic variance of a sexually produced offspring. The benefits of its unique mix of genes when it confronts pathogens and parasites offsets

Papal Reckoning

"The Pope's in a Confessional, and

and the 1994 Vatican Concert in mem-

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statements on the issue is this: "For

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New Nuclear Policy

To the Editor:

Washington, Dec. 4, 1997

dred nation of the Old Covenant."

ory of victims of the Holocaust.

To the Editor:

New York, Dec. 2, 1997 The writer is director of the division of reproductive endocrinology at N.Y.U. Medical Center. Second-Class Citizents To the Editor:

In your article on cloning (front page, Dec. 2), an unnamed doctor presents a hypothetical case: if a relative were to get cancer, the doctor would clone that relative and "use" the clone as a bone-marrow donor to save the patient's life.

STEVE RISSING

Tempe, Ariz., Dec. 2, 1997

The writer is a professor of biology

The New York University Medical

Center's division of reproductive en-

docrinology, which was mentioned in

your Dec. 2 front-page article on clon-

ing, is not involved with research in

cloning humans, though we may use

techniques similar to those in cloning

experiments. Our research is aimed

at making the treatment of infertility

easier. Infertility is a disease, one

that wreaks havoc on many people's

JAMIE A. GRIFO, M.D.

at Arizona State University.

Treating Infertility

But how, exactly, would the doctor "use" the clone? If humans are to be cloned, it is essential that clones are considered autonomous entities and accorded the same dignity and basic rights of others. The clone should not be."used" as a donor until he or she is capable of reasoned consent.

In another scenario, you say that "grieving parents may want to reproduce a terminally ill child." Easing grief is a worthy motive, but is it so simple? Little Jennifer is dying, alas, but Jennifer II will soon replace her! Again, the clone is somehow less than human, taking on characteristics of a fungible commodity.

But a person must never be treated merely as a means to another's end, no matter how valid. This is a truth that those bedazzied by promising, and lucrative, applications have so far scandalously managed to fi-NONTAS KONSTANTAKIS nesse. Princeton, N.J., Dec. 4, 1997 •

. This, in a nutsbell, has defined Romance of Childbirth church policy since the Second Vati-Council, EUGENE J. FISHER Assoc. Dir. Secretariat for Ecumenical & Interreligious Affairs sneaky. The emotional whammy was tucked in at the end, where he said, "A society that hans acts of human creation ... is a society that risks cutting itself off from vital experimentation, thus losing a significant part of its capacity to grow." What a

genes into the next generation. Sexual reproduction in plants and animals In "On Cloning Humans, 'Never' To the Editor: represents a fundamental form of Turns Swiftly Into 'Why Not' " (front Absent in the comments of ethisharing. Most "new reproductive arpage, Dec. 2), you quote Dr. Steen cists and scientists in your Dec. 2 rangements" retain this sharing of genes. Cloning doesn't, and presents vastly different biological and ethical

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Instead, Ms. Taymor's re-conception of the meaning of anthropomorphism reconnects the audience to the meaning of one of the signature songs in striking evocation of place. She has made Rafiki, the male haboon-shaman in the film, into a halfcracked, all-wise woman who wears the totemic markings of a baboon. These choices demonstrate the agility and imagination of Ms. Taymor and her colleagues. But they also demonstrate something even more striking - the Walt Disney Company's willingness, in this case, to reinvent a known, and fabulously profitable, product, not by dumhing it down to live action, as in the stage production of "Beauty and the Beast," hut by allowing Ms. Taymor to test the limits of representation and theatricality.

There is no formula to be found in the way Ms. Taymor has adapted "The Lion King." But perhaps there is a useful formula in Disney's decision to use its profits to restore the New Amsterdam Theater and to unleash Ms. Taymor. There are days when the new Times Square looks like nothing so much as a grand canyon of international icons staring at one another across a river of humans far below. What a miracle it would be if the corporations those icons represent were to conclude, as Disney in this one case has that commercial prosperity licenses even obliges - cultural risk.

can history at M.I.T.

Disabled on the Subway To the Editor:

Despite a surplus of \$130 million (editorial, Dec. 1), the Metropolitan Transportation Authority claims that it cannot afford the \$3 million to \$5 million cost of granting reduced fares to the mentally ill. Recent scientific research shows that the mentally ill suffer from cognitive impairment and related difficulties in using the transit system that are as great as those experienced by current re-

duced-fare recipients. Proposals for general ridership discounts must take a back seat to the claims of the mentally ill. The M.T.A. cannot hring the Metrocard into the 21st century while still clinging to the 19th-century view that the mentally ill are somehow less worthy than other disabled people. KAY SMITH Brooklyn, Dec. 3, 1997

ness" (editorial, Nov. 30) questioned the recent 10 percent increase in the cost of insuring the reliability of nuclear weapons. The United States has decided to forgo nuclear testing, and that's a gigantic change from the way we previously maintained our stockpile. It costs more without testing. We now better understand this job and anticipate a cost increase to \$45 billion from our earlier estimate of \$40 billion

"The Price of Nuclear Prepared-

nation's security. We need other critical policy decisions about our uses of nuclear technologies. Senate debate on the com-" prehensive test ban treaty is likely next year. We must explore the revitalizing role of nuclear energy to insure future energy sources and to help address global compétition for fossil fuels. Concerns about greenhouse gases further argue for re-examining núclear energy. We must address waste disposal and proliferation.

Better new options exist for energy, proliferation and waste; we should explore them. Furthermore, we should resize our stockpile based on threats. These and similar initiatives may increase costs; they also may pay immense dividends.

We aren't wisely using nuclear technologies. The current anxietyladen, fragmented state of nuclear policy debate in the country has created this situation. Irrational fears of perceived risks of nuclear technologies prevent us from actions to address real risks and optimize their use. As I've said in recent speeches at Harvard and elsewhere, it's time for a mature, scientifically based reexamination of nuclear technolo-PETE V. DOMENICI U.S. Senator from New Mexico

Washington, Dec. 5, 1997

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taunt. All good Americans want to grow, after all.

Mr. Tribe asks for better reasons to oppose human cloning. How about 'this? I have not yet had children, but I hope to have many. I don't want just to replicate mine and another's genes (that seems a bit perfunctory); I want to feel as my mother did after giving birth: "very clever," she says. There's romance, delight - still a small price to insure our and mystery in that. Call me a Luddite, but I believe in the ancient means of production. HOLLY FINN New York, Dec. 5, 1997

> A Scientist's Duty To the Editor:

Your Dec. 2 front-page article on cloning humans quotes Dr. Steen Willadsen, a cloning pioneer, as saying, "It is not for me, as a person who invents techniques, to say how we should use them." I challenge Dr. Willadsen and other scientists who agree with his statement to show responsibility and broader foresight.

It is easy to work for the sake of the task at hand, but in certain fields (genetics included), the consequences can extend beyond it. Failure to consider the consequences - even if beneficial - is irresponsible. Just ask the citizens of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. TONATIUH RODRIGUEZ-NIKL Berkeley, Calif., Dec. 4, 1997

Digital Classrooms

To the Editor:

"High-Tech Teaching Is Losing Its Gloss" (Week in Review, Nov. 30) does not describe the way we see teachers using technology in classrooms. It did not mention how students nationwide are researching and organizing interdisciplinary projects as multimedia presentations and disseminating their results on the Internet. Nor did It mention how foreign language teachers can use computers to give students examples and corrective feedback in speaking and writing a new language. Teachers also use computers for

creating molecular models, maps and proofa. They can also develop simulations of microeconomic activity with spreadsheets. Networks allow teachers to drive up the level of interaction in a class by communicating with students from home or using a school's World Wide Web site to make course links to supporting materials in museums, universities and libraries. WILLIAM G. W. BARNES

RODNEY J. LABRECQUE Wallingford, Conn., Dec. 5, 1997

Editorial Observer/BRENT STAPLES Waking Up — Too Late — in the Token Role judging from Mr. Loury's experi-ence, the most tortuous part of all

The conservative revolution started with the premise that a liberal orthodoxy had hijacked the culture and muzzled public debate. In truth, the architects of the right - Irving Kristol, Paul Weyrich, Pat Robertson, William Buckley - were advancing an orthodoxy of their own, one that cast liberalism as an evil to be wiped out at any cost. With conservatives controlling the national agenda - and the word liberal reduced to a slur - the goal is clearly within reach.

The movement succeeded largely because it was focused - and very well financed. Over the last 15 years, foundations and think tanks like Olin, Heritage, Hoover and Scaife have spent tens of millions of dollars boosting their positions through books, papers and intellectuals-forhire. The rush of new money created a class of professionals who live very well cranking out ideology masked as disinterested scholarship.

Recruits were offered money, power and celebrity in exchange for ideological allegiance. But defectors who want out of the far right and into the respectable middle are peddling a more sentimental story. One after another, they have portrayed themWhy Glenn Loury broke with the right.

selves as principled dupes who found out only too late that they had fallen in with zealots. The political writer Michael Lind said this in last year's manifesto, "Up From Conservatism." David Brock, the former hit man for The American Spectator, said it again at his departure from the right last summer. But no one has gotten quite the mlleage of the economist Glenn Loury, whose black skin and formidable intellect were weapons for the Reagan White House and the 80's think-tank set. -

Mr. Loury broke with his colleagues at the American Enterprise Institute - ostensibly for the racially "derogatory" tone of a book by Dinesh D'Souza - two years ago. He disappeared but came blazing back last month with essays in three publications, explaining his conversion. He turned right, he claims, after being excluded by black liberals for writing that the underclass was less a product of racism than of moral decay. After a decade on the right, he fled left again when he suddenly discovered that his chums bad a dictatorial "party line" on race and would brook no dissent.

This is too pat to be true, especially for a man of Mr. Loury's considerable intelligence. Race-baiting, Willie Hortonizing and homophohia were part of the package from the start and actually in fuller use in the 80's than now. That Mr. Loury failed to detect a "conservative party line" on race while cozying up to the Reagan Administration - and as a star on the conservative lecture circuit is simply implausible. It seems likely that be ignored the evidence of his senses to embrace the celebrity be considered his due as one of the first black stars on the right.

Along with Clarence Thomas and the economist Thomas Sowell, Mr. Loury had both the good and bad fortune to be in the first wave. Desperate to immunize itself against the charge of racism, the conservative establishment provided enormous professional rewards to these three. These men suffered grueling and unfair abuse from black liberals who in sterile policy terms is to tell less cast them as "race traitors." But than the full truth.

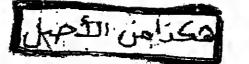
was playing the role of the token the lone black person in the room who is scripted to smile and nod his assent at the appropriate moment. Even among liberals, African-Americans risk being patronized, pigeonboled and reduced to a kind of lawn ornament. Mr. Loury suffered this, but seems to have taken several years to realize it. The insight

seemed to leap out in a 1990 speech, later reported in The New Yorker, during which he berated the audience for seeing only his black skin and taking his preseoce as proof that conservative policy was "nonracist." "If by some magic I were suddenly to become white," be railed, "my brilliant, perceptive, and courageous insights would ... be reduced to pedestrian, commonplace complaints, of little personal comfort

to you." The realization that he had been used in this classically repugnant manner was clearly painful. It cost him friends, peace of mind and shaded everything that followed. For Mr. Loury to now cast his "conversion"



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Reforming the Reformers

By Sean Wilentz

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Party fund-raisers to violate Federal election laws. PRINCETON, N.J. It is all terribly confusing, especial-Ron

ly to the hard-working teamster rank-and-file members who ask only that re-25 their leaders represent them well and honorably. As reformers scramble for president of a new candidate to replace Mr. Carey, the Internasome bave wondered whether democtional Brotherhood of Teamsters, racy might be a luxury that unions, many believed that, at least for the locked in battle with powerful forces short term, the cause of union deand organizations, ranging from multinational corporations to the mob. simply can't afford. Questions like these have long bedeviled the American labor movement and will continue to bedevil it (and those who care about It) for a long time to come. Still, some clear lessons can be drawn from the depressing teamster saga.

As Mr. Carey's downfall reminds us, democratic reformers are vulnerable to their own kinds of corruption, born not of personal greed or selfish ambition but of moral selfrighteousness and political arrogance, it was too easy for some teamster reformers - self-styled good guys" out to remove the goodfellas" - to believe that they had a monopoly on political virtue, that their opponents are truly evil and that, from time to time, good

world. And sometimes it is necessary to do bad, eveo evil things - like going

been investigating whether an aide to Mr. Carey conspired with Democratic than they were of him. And it is the continued presence of these reformist currents within the union that is democracy's best guarantor.

Mr. Carey's disqualification has set the movement back, but it was not nearly so damaging a blow as the one inflicted by those presumptuous re-formers who betrayed the democratic cause while imagining that they were strengthening it. It was Federal overseers, by enforcing the established rules in an inflamed situation, who struck their own blows for, and not against, democracy.

Democracy, after all, is not dependent upon particular leaders. It is dependent upon particular procedures,

above all the rule of law, open debate,

full disclosure and respect for the

wishes of the majority. The best indi-

cator of a healthy democracy is not

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and abide by its outcome.

Union democracy

ernment, leaders are only as strong, as capable and as responsive as their most viable opponents require them to be.

The harsh news of Mr. Carey's disgrace is that reformers need to be watched as closely as the old guard. The good news is that thanks to the hard work and dedicated past leadership of reformers like Ron Carey, millions of teamsters can look forward, after years in the wilderness. to enjoying a more democratic and representative union.

Unfortunately, like proud Moses, Mr. Carey will have to look on from afar. D have upprotected sex."

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Young, Poor, Positive Nushawn Williams made a brief appearance in Bronx Criminal Court on Thursday. A judge postponed sentencing him on a drug charge pending a psychological evaluation that will take 30 days, Mr. Williams did not say anything during the hearing. When It

was over be was taken back to Rikers Island, where he is being held. Mr. Williams is the 21-year-old street thug who is believed to have infected at least nine women and young girls with H.I.V. The ultimate toll from this one-man epidemic will undoubtedly be much higher. Authorities believe he had unprotected sex with dozens of females, some of them

very young. The Williams story sent a shudder through the nation. But what is most frightening is not what Mr. Williams is alleged to have done - deliberately expose his sex partners to the virus that causes AIDS - but that the virus is being transmitted to so many poor and ignorant young people in very similar ways. Nushawn Williams is not nearly the

aberration that we would like to think. And young people, especially marginalized young people from povertystricken backgrounds, are not well prepared to protect themselves against that kind of menace.

"AIDS education as we've done it traditionally is basically a failure," said S. J. Avery, the director of Bronx AIDS Services, which works with AIDS victims and their families. "People are still engaging in high-risk behavior. We have a huge problem getting people to take it seriously. For many young people in the Bronz, the threat of AIDS is part of a whole constellation of problems that they have to deal with. I think it adds to their sense of fatalism. AIDS is just another one of the things that is likely to get you."

Ms. Avery and her colleagues, in a series of Interviews last week, talked about children and adolescents whose families have fallen apart, who frequently are exposed to the dangers of violent crime and illegal drugs, and who seldom, if ever, have enough

money 'H.I.V. and AIDS is not the big picture in their lives," said Diana Caraballo, the senior educator for Bronx AIDS Services. "It is not as important as having food on the table, clothes on their backs. You put a 13-, 14- or 15-year-old girl in that situation and a guy with a nice car, money and jewelry comes along and she will L. S. D. Lands' Parts

Ms. Avery said she believed there was very little difference between some of the girls she sees in the Bronx and the young women and girls be-lieved to have been infected by Nushawn Williams in upstate Chautauqua County. Poor and with little to look forward to, they are vulnerable to a guy who comes along and makes

them feel good. "I can tell you what happens," said Ms. Avery. "The guy comes up and says, 'Hello,' and they hear him say, '1 love you." "

When H.I.V. is only one problem.

There is little question that large numbers of men and boys continue to have unprotected sex after learning they are infected with H.I.V. Some are filled with conscious or unconscious rage and in some sense are deliberately trying to do harm. Others sim-ply care nothing at all about their partners. And many are in deep denial about their own health and what they are doing to others.

Said Ms. Caraballo: "We see a lot of kids who know their status but doo't believe it because they are not yet sick. They cootinue to bave sex. A boy will say, 'I tested positive but I ain't gonna use a condom. I'm not sick. And besides, I ain't gonna marry

Very little attention is being paid to all of this. The daily lives of kids in the inner city, where AIDS is spreading fastest, is not considered good copy, Who cares?

Stacey Strother, who handles AIDS issues for Bronx Borough President Fernando Ferrer, may be correct when, speaking of the vulnerability of young women, she says! "If you have low self-esteem you are not likely to negotiate safer sex."

But the self-esteem of poor youngsters is a subject that draws yawns at best from the vast majority of Americans.

AIDS does not occur in a vacuum. With no cure and no vaccine at hand, the only way to defeat it is to link prevention efforts to an attack on the many other problems that are undermining the lives of young people.

At the moment, there is little chance of that happening.



Mr. Carey was forced to step aside after it was revealed that some of his advisers had illegally diverted union money into his re-election campaign. Federal officials overturned Mr. Carey's narrow victory in the election over James Hoffa Jr. (son of the late and still notorious teamster president, Jimmy Hoffa), and declared Mr. Carey ineligible to run in the make-up election, scheduled for next spring. Three of Mr. Carey's aides bave pleaded guilty to one or more felooy counts of conspiracy,

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1996, the situation of the teamsters had improved. Every reasonable measure that could be taken to insure a fair and opeo debate of the issues had been taken. The Federal Government was overseeing the election. And as long as Congress provided the oecessary money, the Government would continue to oversee future teamister elections until there was strong assurance that democracy had been firmly entrenched inside the union.

In sbort, all those frieods of union democracy who violated the rules either did so to achieve a goal that had already been achieved (in which case The worst may not be over for Mr. they were stupid) or had come to over-identify their side with the larger cause of union democracy (in which case they succumbed to a great and frequent temptation of all sorts of reform movements). The decision to bar Mr. Carey from the upcoming election is certainly unfortunate, especially for him personally - but it does not and will not signal the end of either democracy or ing his Fifth Amendment right against the reform impulse within the teamself-incrimination.) Congress has sters' union. Both are alive and well, particularly in rank-and-file insurgent groups like Teamsters for a Democratic Unico, which has led the fight against mob domination for years. Indeed, Mr. Carey was much

paign also be investigated for possible infractions. But apart from the matter of possible illegalities, the existence of an opposition to the reform movement within the teamsters is actually healthy for the organization - for without principled electoral opposition, movements stagnate and democracy ossifies. This is not to say that a Hoffa

victory would advance the cause of teamster democracy as much as Mr. Carey managed to do during his tenure (although it is important to remember that the Hoffa slate does enjoy strong rank-and-file support in several regions of the country). Rather, it is to say that without an opposition, without a choice, there can be oo democracy.

"From its earliest days, organized labor has produced its best leaders in times of sharp competition between two or more visions of what the move-

lives, despite the teamsters' troubles.

Sweeney and the other new reformist leaders become, in their own way, just as myopic and unyielding as their predecessors did. In labor, as in gov-

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Carey and his allies. One of the guilty aides has implicated Richard Trunka, the A.F.L.-C.LO. secretarytreasurer, in the Carey campaign fund illegalities. This accusation may severely damage the credibility of the federation's reform leadership, including President John Sweeney. (Mr. Trumka has denied any wrongdoing, but has also refused to testify, plead-

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ment should be, and how it should go about accomplishing its aims. Early in this century, Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor repeatedly said that he owed as much to his socialist opponents as he did to his craft-union allies. In the 1930's and after, Sidney Hillman, John L. Lewis, and the other industrial union leaders of the Congress of Industrial Organizations honed their skills and consolidated their support by countering repeated challenges from both the right

and the left. What was true then is true now, for the teamsters and for organized labor in general. On numerous issues like Nafta, the labor movement needs as much debate as possible, lest Mr.

Essav WILLIAM SAFIRE

Sampling Is Not Enumerating

WASHINGTON As elections demonstrate, a poll is an educated guess and not a bard count. A sampling is not an enumeration. Often pollsters are mistaken. Here's how polling warps politics. In the 1996 Presidential campaign, most major polls showed Bob Dole trailing throughout by a whopping 12 to 20 percentage points, throwing the G.O.P. into despair. Even right-wing publications hooted at their "sure

loser": dispirited Republicans stayed home in droves. Toward campaign's end, the New York Times/CBS poll - run by the most respected statistical geniuses and random samplers alive showed Bill Clinton ahead by a likely landslide of 18 points. ABC and NBC/

Wall Street Journal said 12, But one poli - the Zogby poll for Reuters was out of step. It showed only a seven-point gap. On Election Day, the actual enumeration showed Zogby alone to be

within one point of accuracy. The other polls that made the Dole campaign a laughingstock in the media - and helped confer a false inevitability to Clinton's re-election from the start - had been grievously misleading. (In the Times/CBS case,

fully 10 points off.) Thus can reliance on samples distort our politics. Sampling is no science; ask President Dewey and

Prime Minister Peres. - Democrats want to gain a political edge in 2000 by changing our method of counting American noses. This flies in the face of the U.S. Constitution, which in Article I calls for an "actual

Enumeration," with a capital E -

Time to cut the non-census.

which means "counting one by one." Democrats led by President Clinton say the founding logies did not have available the blessings of modern sampling and their stricture about counting everybody can be ignored. Liberals want to replace, or "augment," laborious counting with the

educated guesswork of sampling. Reason: Census takers don't like to climb five stories in crummy neighborhoods, where residents are more likely to vote Democratic. This assumes most of the people who hide from Government bell-ringers, or don't bave phones, or can't read their mail, or are recent immigrants, are

likely to be Democrats. That stereotype strikes me as insulting. But the Democratic minority in Congress, backed up by the White House, insists Democrats have been getting a "short count" by letting the Census Bureau do it the constitutional way. By having a statistician put a thumb on the acale, liberals figure they can pick up a dozen House seats

and increase spending on the poor Was the 1990 Census accurate? Probably not; sloppioess in planning, fearfulness about interviewing and poor mail service failed to count millions - including libertarian moonshiners in the Blue Ridge Mountains and Republicans in Beverly Hills man-

sions, all threatening armed response.

To do better next time, Democrats want to (1) do another slapdash nose count; (2) redo selected slums with a vengeance, and (3) extrapolate those redone samples to skew - or "weight" - the earlier count. An oversight committee (Charlie Trie, chairman?) would watch out for political manipulation. This is supposed to increase people's trust in government.

The right answer is to improve enumeration before 2000: (1) advertise to reassure the reluctant and gain their cooperation; (2) improve mailing lists to reach everyone with an address, and (3) train census foot soldiers to make them more effective in finding the bomeless.

The wrong answer is the cockamamie compromise that Clinton and Republican leaders have just perpetrated: a bill passed with a straight face by the Congress, solemnly signed by the President, requiring the Supreme Court to rule in advance on the constitutionality of sampling.

Here's what will happen. The Justices will respond unanimously to the legislative and executive branches: "Whaddaya, out of your minds? Didn't we just teach you on the legislative veto that we're oot in the business of giving advisory opinions? We will decide when an issue is ripe for our decision and who has standing, so take your silly bill and gedoudahere." (Jurists call this "denying cert.")

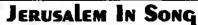
Justice Hugo Black read the line in the Constitution that begins "Congress shall make no law" and opined "No law means no law." In the same way, "actual Enumeration" means what it says. Start counting. This sample is not for sale.

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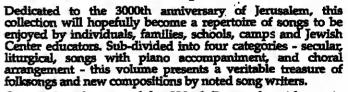
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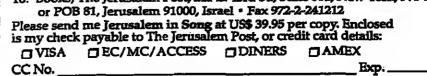
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leaves a mate-swapping party with a

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that was Janey's last scene, Mr. Lee

says. But Ms. Weaver suggested that

her character be brought back one

more time, and the director agreed.

Thus the final scenes show Janey

curling up on a water bed in a fetal

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close-up, waking to the sound of her

husband crying in grief. "That

brought so much sympathy not only

to her but to the whole movie," Mr.

They're words spoken like a direc-

tor who admires an actor's skill. But

Mr. Lee, who directed Emma

Thompson and Kate Winslet in

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Sigourney Weaver Eludes the Image Police

By WILLIAM MC DONALD

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WOULD be too easy, perhaps sound trite and in any case introduce a bad pun to call the actress Sigourney Weaver a woman of many parts, even though, in more ways than one, she is. So think of her instead as the sum of her contradictions

They begin to suggest themselves in a first sighting. The scene is the cozy but opulent lobby of a hotel on Central Park South on a rainy November morning. The brass doors open, letting in a puff of chilly air followed by the strikingly erect Ms. Weaver herself, sweeping in with a small entourage for yet another interview to promote her new movie, "Alien Resurrection," ber fourth goround as that fiercely intelligent and sinewy dragon slayer from space, Ellen Ripley.

If you bad seen the movie or any of the other three in the "Alieo" series, going back to 1979, you would expect to find in Ms. Weaver a woman of imposing, hroad-shouldered height. She is, to be sure, a strapping 5 feet 101/2 inches and certainly looks it in "Alien Resurrection," particularly when she's slam-dunking a baskethall. ("I felt a great physical freedom and power in the role," she'll say later.)

But what may surprise you - and overturn any Wonder Woman preconceptions about ber - is how slender this actress actually is, draped at the moment in an endless black raincoat, and how delicate her features are: small mouth, slightly downturned; small nose, crisp and straight; sharp, elevated cheekbooes, as if hydraulically enlisted to support her wide brown eyes and high forehead, all framed by a cascade of chestnut waves splashing onto, yes, broad shoulders, as squarely defined as epaulets.

Quickly, in one glance, you begin to understand why, as a tall girl, she was called Amazoo by her boardingschool classmates and why, as a beautiful girl, she resented it - so much so that by her father's account, she went and changed her name from Susan to the more stylish Sigourney, lifting it from an F. Scott Fitzgerald story.

Yet this is merely a surface introduction to the many opposing guises that Ms. Weaver carries with her like so many mismatched; clothes in a hurriedly packed suitcase. The others reveal themselves only over time, only after you've seen a number of her movies (zany comedies, urbane comedies, domestic dramas, historical dramas, suspense thrillers, science-fiction thrillers); regarded ber stage work (from the Yale Drama School to Broadway, topber Durang's unhinged heroines of the Zeitgeist); spotted her in a slick magazine posing as a maneating vixen, all splayed legs, parted lips and wild hair; read the reviews, like the one that says she 'has a way of spreading her intelligence around, upgrading everything in the vicinity": listeoed to her talk like the 48year-old mother she is about her smothering maternal tendeocies, manifested both at home and on the set, or caught her on late-night television giggling like an ingénue while breezily toying with David Letterman.

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1970's in the critically lauded "Ice Storm." It's a seriocomic performance that the people around her are pushing for an Academy Award nomination (it would be her fourth; her three, none of which brought bome an Oscar, were for "Aliens," "Gorillas in the Mist" and "Working Girl").

To Ms. Weaver, this double feature arriving from opposite ends of the cinematic spectrum is proof that rather than tarnishing a serious career, a periodic foray into the lavishly commercial realm of the Hollywood scl-fi action blockbuster gives a performer the freedom to indulge in the occasional art-house film.

"A big moneymaking film allows you to do 'Jeffrey' and 'Death and the Maiden," " she says, referring to two of her more recent smaller films, both adapted from stage plays. "It gives you your wings." And gilded wings they are: with a budget of \$70 million for "Alien Resurrection," 20th Century Fox is reported to bave paid her \$11 million.

Ms. Weaver has one word for anyone who questions her credibility as a serious actress because of her work in the "Alien" series: "Malarkey." James Schamus, the screenwriter and a producer of "The Ice Storm," has three: "Typical Hollywood sexism." Consider actors like Bruce Willis or Sylvester Stallone, he says; when they break out of the actioo-movie mold for something more serious, as Mr. Stallone did this fall in "Copland," the critics hall them for bravely doing the right thing

"People don't remember that Sigourney has been one of the first serious actors able to piece together a career that incorporated every aspect of the movie-making spectrum," Mr. Schamus says. "People thought that Bruce Willis had broken that ground in 'Pulp Fiction.' Excuse me? She's beeo doing this ail her life.'

And setting an example for a younger geoeration of actors, says Winona Ryder, who has done some geore-hopping of her own, moving from literary films like "The Crucible" to a co-starring role in "Alien Resurrection." "Slgourney is the one person who's shown us that you can do it ail," she says.

Still, as the only woman ever to shoulder such a big-budget actionmovie franchise, Ms. Weaver may well be remembered most for "Alien," "Aliens," "Alien 3" and now "Alien Resurrection," the ending of which leaves a black-hole-size opening for another sequel. "It's been a great gig," Ms. Weaver says.

F COURSE in the latest chapter It's not the same reappears

In student productions.

From there she wont to Yaie School of Drama, where she learned the trade with classmates like Meryl Streep, Wendy Wasserstein and Mr. Durang, her close friend ever since she says, "there's a whole ritual - a and today her child's godfather. It was Mr. Durang, in fact, who rescued Ms. Weaver's budding career when she was passed over for parts in the school's productions. He promptly cast her in his own early plays and gave her a vehicle for her Off Off Broadway debut in 1979, in "The Nature and Purpose of the Unierse.'

Her film career began in 1974 with a tiny part in Woody Allen's "Annie Hail." Her first leading role came in 1978 in a forgotten thriller, "Madman." But her big break came when she landed the role of Ripley in "Alien," a part originally written for a man

And yet. Mr. Durang remembers some ambivalence on Ms. Weaver's part after she got the job. "She was telling me that wheo she took the audition she was disappointed because she had wanted to do the Henry James-type roles, because that's what she had trained for," Mr. Durang says. "And she was asking herself, 'Why am I not being called hack for those roles?' But theo she said sbe decided, Well, that's what's being offered by the universe, if you will, and she went into the 'Alien' part with a full commitment."

Is it the money? "It's certainly not the money," she says, as if surprised at the notion. The answer, she says, is her 7-year-old daughter, Charlotte.

"When you have a small child," whole dinoer-bathing-story ritual -and having only one child, I don't want to miss any of it. How do you tell her you have to leave at 6:30 each night, especially when homework starts?'

If Ms. Weaver is something of a homebody, she's also more a creature of New York than of Hollywood, living still on the Upper East Side with her daughter and her husband, the stage director James Simpson, and moving easily in Manhattan's spheres of glamour and luxury: showing up at charity galas around town, indulging in \$500 haircuts at the Bergdorf Goodman salon.

But this is a movie star who says she wants nothing to do with that title - "it's a role you play for a day" -hopes one day to direct a film with "a strong female protagonist" and describes herself as a mother first and ...

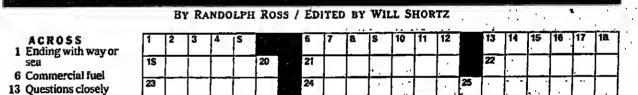
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a character actor second. The chance to play a mother in "The Ice Storm" was, in fact, one reason she took the role. And as she wrapped herself in the part, her sympathy for Janey Carver grew. "When people say she's an ice queen, Ang and I both shudder," she says, referring to Ang Lee, the film's director. "Because she's smoldering with dissatisfaction, like a Masha character caught in a Chekhov piece. Smoldering with, you know, 'This is not life! This is pretense!' She's not ice."

And Janey is not an indifferent mother, as some may see her, Ms. Weaver says. "I know some mothers who are like Janey," she says. 'They're sort of direct with their kids. It's not the coddly mother. I'm a coddly mother. But Ang was very careful to let me know that he did not. want what happens at the end to be . Janey's punishment for not being that great a mother. He didn't see it never have the charisma to become as a moralistic tale." -

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THAT'S TAT!



Sigourney Weaver as the extraterrestrial-busting Ellen Ripley clone in "Alien Resurrection," the fourth installment of the big-budget sci-fi series.

FREFER not to have any image, or any one image,'

she says, now curled on a couch in a suite at the hotel and sheathed in black, one shoulder bared. "It's because I come from the theater originally. My dream, when 1 was a young actor, was to be in a

repertory company, where you could play the maid in one piece and then play the leading lady in another, and go from comedy to drama and really hop all over the place. And I actually realized a long time ago that you can't expect anything to happen; you can't expect anyone else to know what you want, where you want to go next. So 1 guess what 1'm always doing is trying to create this mini-rep company in my head."

And oo the screen, evidently. With the late-November opening of "Alien Resurrection." Ms. Weaver can now be seen, possibly in the same multiplex, in two vastly different film genres. Not only is she wielding a flamethrower again in outer space (in a movie that has drawn mixed reviews); she's also excavating the inner life of Janey Carver, a jaded, sultry, adulterous suburbanite of the

The resurrection in the title refers to the cloning by which she is involuntarily brought back to life 200 years (or 4 years in Hollywood time) after she hurled herself into an inferno in "Alien 3" rather than let a ferocious monster gestating inside her live. The twist is that the reconstituted Ripley has strands of the alien species woven into her DNA, enhancing her powers and infusing ber with a dark, sardonic ambivaleoce about clashing again with probably the slimiest monsters Holly-

wood ever devised, now vaguely her kin. Ms. Weaver says it was the reinvention of the Ripley character this "spirit of nihilism," as she calls it --- that persuaded ber to do a fourth "Alleo" film after she bad all but

decided that three were enough. "It seemed a challenge," she says. "You know, we all feel that wheo things get too difficult we bave a way out, that it's finally up to each of us, that we can exit. And I thought, how awful It would be to find yourself in a world where you had exited, with all sincerity, and they had brought you back against your will. I tried to go with that Idea as far as I could."

Ms. Weaver herself entered the universe by way of the Upper East Side. Born Susan Alexandra Weaver, she was the second child of the British actress Elizabeth Inglis ("The 39 Steps") and Sylvester (Pat) Weaver, an old pal of Nelson Rockefeller's who became president of NBC during its golden age, creating both the "Today" and the "Tonight" shows. Yet despite such entertainmentworld parentage, it wasn't until she bad passed through the exclusive Chapin School in Manhattan and Ethel Walker in Connecticut and was well into an English major at Stanford that Ms. Weaver took up acting

E ALSO saw "insecurities" and a "vulnerability" in her then, traces of which can still be heard as she assesses her career, wishing she'd dooe more comedies, believing her various roles have been too much of a type.

"I sort of deplore the fact that looking hack, I've had such a serious career," she says in a voice that may clip off the end of a senteoce, flutter a momeot, then swoop into the lower registers in pursuit of another thought. "I'm not a serious person at all. Not that there's anything wrong with being serious, but I'm not a serious person. I'm more of an idiot. And it is upsettiog to me that I've you were going to pigeonhole me, you might say that."

Her concern isn't unfounded. "A Yankee version of Athena," one critic once wrote about her. Indeed, words like "patrician," "frosty" 'commanding," "austere" and "brainy" have often attached themselves to her performances in movles like "Eyewitness" (1981), "The Year of Living Dangerously" (1983), "Gorillas in the Mist" (1988), "Copycat" (1995) and "Death and the Maiden" (1994).

Even in the 1988 comedy "Working Girl," she essectially offered a wicked sendup of a frosty, patrician yuppie executive. In other comedles, like the two "Ghostbusters" hits in the early 80's and "Dave" in 1993, she largely became stuck in what she calls the "girlfriend" rut, playing the pretty foil to funny men like Bill Murray and her good friend Kevin Kline.

Which perplexes her. "Comedy," she says, 'is the one thing that I think I'm good at." Mr. Durang agrees. "She's had more opportunity on stage over the last 20 years or so to show a quirky kind of comedy that she hasn't really had much opportunity to show on film," he says.

HE RECORD bears that out. Ms. Weaver has won admiring notices in a number of Mr. Durang's piercingly topical satires, the latest coming a year ago, when she played a blond nymphomaniac in the otherwise roundly dismissed Broadway production of "Sex and Longing." In 1985, she won a Tony nomination as a bubblehead in David Rabe's "Hurlyburly." So why doeso't she work on stage more?

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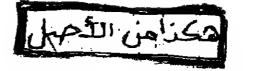
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Sigourney Weaver with Guy Boyd in the play "Sex and Longing."



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FEATURES



Will this winter bring scenes like this?

After the flood

uta Sberman lost her entire Tkitchen and most of her furniture in the floods that inundated Ra'anana last year. She remembers how the waters created "a small Sea of Galilee in our yard, ruining the cars' engines." Children had to be carried out one by one from Dekel Elementary School, the puddles were so deep. The floods came after more than 90 millimeters of torrential rains swept the Sharon area last January. A gas station was washed away, a supermarket warehouse was ruined and some residents were stranded in waistdeep water in their bomes. The navy had to bring rubber dinghies to rescue trapped people. With winter approaching,

Last year, floods wreaked

havoc in Ra'anana. Catherine Cohen

looks at what's being done to stave off

disaster this winter

the industrial zone.) But drainage pipes will be installed only next year, when the city intends to start cleaning out the sewers as well.

Keidar commends local residents for drawing up a petition that persuaded the city to give prionity to the drainage project.

The petition was organized by 48-year-old Alegra Hayim, who has since moved to the United States. The demand, seot to Ra'anana Mayor Ze'ev Bielski, was signed by 20 building committees on Schwartz Street representing more than 200 families. Alegra's mother, Hilda Hayim, who still lives on Schwartz Street,

sighs as she remembers last year's floods.



Lost for words

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You'd think they were playing for the world championships. Actually, they were, but what

attracted the swarm of media to their table was not so much prowess as politics. Fnr Jerusalemite JJ Jonah, and Salah Salih of Saudi Arabia, this was war - a war of words, but genteel, mannerly, collegial

World

"It was odd," JJ

recalled last week,

on his return from

Scrabble

Championships in

Washington DC.

You'd think we

had nothing in common, but with

Scrabble, we were

For one game at least, the media

abandoned the big-name players

cuturally alike."

game is tomorrow morning." I mean, there were signs all over, but they couldn't figure out where the bathroom was." At that level, talk is less about words per se, and more about mathematical Not Page One probabilities, tile management and computerized iter-



at Table t to check io on this miniature peace process (this was, after all, Washington DC).

"The reporters got right to the point. First they asked, 'Did you win?' 1 said 'Yeah.' Then they asked, 'What was it like playing your enemy?" JJ rolls his cyes and laughs.

"My enemy?! No, we didn't see it like that. We were real friendly." (This was oot, strictly speaking, a first: a couple of years ago, a player from Saudi Arabia atteoded the Jerusalem Scrabble Club.)

Several newspapers published a photo of JJ, wearing a kippa crocheted with the words "Scrabble" and "JJ," playing against Salih, their national flags displayed alongside the board. "When I told Salih that I heard his picture was in an Israeli newspaper, he couldn't believe it."

JJ AND Paloma Raychbart of Ramat Gan, the two Israelis amoog 80 players from 36 countries, often found themselves matched against players from the Moslem world - or against each other (Paloma beat JJ twice). If you keep score of such things, the Israelis were a combined 8-2. JJ defeated the Saudi twice, Rajah Abdullah of Malaysia and Assad ul-Haq of Qatar once each, and had a win and loss against Linda Pray of Oman.

dance, JJ Chew (no relation) Toronto, once won a high-school contest hy memorizing

pi m over 500 places. JOEL SHERMAN, one of the

odder oddballs, "walks, talks, and in every way, behaves unusually," JJ reports. But you can get away with a lot when you earn the titlc "World Champion." The 35-year-old retired bank clork from the Bronx finished first, then won

a best-of-five championship series against the runner-up, his practice mate Matt Graham, to win \$25,000. Sherman goes by the oick-name Gl Joel; the Gl stands for

"gastrointestinal," a tribute to the various illnesses and constant gaseous ructions that render bim unable to work, allowing him to devote his life to Scrabble,

Graham, 31, a stand-up comedian, might be a better player if he lived in Israel. Earlier in the tournameot, be challenged the word HAF-TAROT (it's acceptable); in the final game against Sberman, with the letters BDEINOU, be might bave won had he seen BEDOUIN.

"It's incredible, being among them," JJ recalls. "During the championship series - the two finalists played in a sealed room; while almost J00 players and fans watched on closed-circuit TV - we could see their tiles, and the plays they made. In his opening rack, Graham had the letters AFIN-

Normal people might see FAN, or FUN, or maybe even

FAINT. Not these people. "In a

second, everyone starting shouting together: 'FUSTIAN!

FUSTIAN!' It was hilarious."

JJ detected one difference

that sets apart the stratospheric

geniuses: "they never blame

He was somewhat disap-

pointed with his results, 10-11,

53rd place (Paloma, 9-12, was

60th). Nu? So what happened?

He shakes his head and gri-

If he can overcome two other

First of all, experience. "The

More important, word knowledge. Players in Israel

level of play, the intensity, was

factors, he believes he could

maces. "Bad luck."

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residen la'ana what's in store for them this year. The municipality has budgeted NIS 30 million to put in a new drainage system to relieve the lnwer lying areas, which were hardest hit. Bnt city manager Uri Keidar cannot say for sure whether enough has been done to prevent a repeat of last year's floods. The city council voted unanimously to give the project priority after last year's rains, Keidar

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said. But the three-stage project will not be completed until 1999. "The first NIS 10m. has been invested to complete the first stage," says Keidar. "We have turned to other sources in the gov-

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emment for more funds, but have oot yet received any answers. "In any case, NIS 10m. is not a grand amount and the continuation of the project does depend on get-ting these extra funds," he added. New drain ducts have already been installed in some of the worst trouble spots in town (the

intersection of Sheshet Hayamim and Schwartz streets and 800 meters north along Akiva Street ; and at the intersection of Weizmann and Keren Hayesod streets and 800 meters down to the Ra'anana River, in the direction of

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properly angled and the water streamed into our garden and our lobby instead of into the water ducts on the road," she said. "The lobby filled with more than half a meter of water. About 20 centimeters of water accumulated in the garage causing irreparable damage to several cars, and the bomb shelter was deep in water and had to be drained.

"The water was also knee-deep in the elevator, which was out of use for two days and also had in be drained. She said that workers have been digging and installing new drainage for the past three months. "I hope they finally figure out how to solve the drainage problem," she added. "I can't say they aren't trying."

Keidar couldn't guarantee that

THE BIBLE CODE

Michael Drosnin

A gas station attendant at the Ra'anana' intersection keeps his feet above water in last year's floods. (Israel Sun)

the project," saya Haim Sherman there wouldn't be any flooding this year. But he said be expects that even heavy rains wouldn't cause as much damage as they did last year. The people at the municipality

may be sleeping easy because of

whose parents' home was flooded last year. "But whenever it rains my parents and 1 still don't sleep." "I try not to be pessimistic," adds Hilda Hayim, "but we won't know until the first days of heavy rain." abook in Arabic too." department

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Abdullah, ul-Haq and Wone Mamadou of Kuwait Perhaps in the interest of regional stability, she had her worst result against the Saudi, losing 594-290. She didn't discuss politics with any of them.

"I wasn't going to initiate any conversations like that," she says, tight-lipped. But when Paloma, originally from England, took on the player from France, ahh - that got her Irish up a tad.

JJ, 27, who immigrated from Canada at the age of cight, considers himself thoroughly Israeli. So naturally, when he was paired against Austin Tan Kiat Hing nf Singapore, JJ greeted him in fluent Chinese. He also startled Ken Nakai of Japan with a few words of Japanese. A sudden thought seized him later: "Y'know, I

abide by the 100,000-word American Scrabble dictionary. could have talked to the Arabs But that's a pittance compared For all that, the tournament's to the 140,000 entrics of the British dictionary, which most lingua franca was, of course, English. "It was really weird, of the world uses. (Both were though: some of the players -such as the Thais, used in the championships.) JJ as the tried desperately to learn Singaporeans, the Romanian -"new" words, burnishing them they don't really understand into that part of his brain that English very well, but they play English Scrabble. They collects and collates obscure words, and even the relationknow the words, not the lanahips of individual letters. Those 40,000 extra words

the North Americans were like that too. "These guys are phenomenal geniuses, their brains work on a higher plane, but say 'Hi, how are you?' and they

make it a very, very different game," he says." "Mind you, by the end of the tournament, I'd learned a lot of new words." It must be a relief to be back home, at the Jerusalem

Scrabble Club, where JJ is the champion and the vocabulary ia mercifully familiar. "Not really," JJ moans. "Now I have to unlearn all

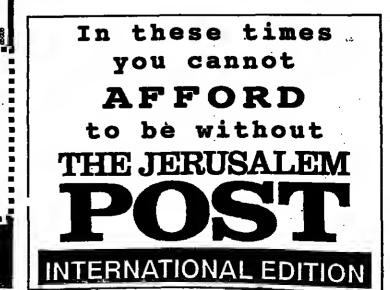
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those new words."

guage," says JJ. Even weirder is that some of

stare at you blankly and say 'ub ... uh.' I asked one guy how he did in a game, and he answered: 'Academically?' 1 have no idea what he meant by that

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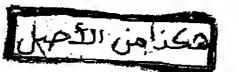
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Discount lovesiments said yestenday that it will sell its 6.1 percent holding in Clal Israel to its parent company IDB Development Corporation for NIS 195 million. The company will sell its stake in Clal at NIS 1.04 a share, which

is equal to its average trading price

on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange over the last 30 days. IDB, which holds 42% of Clal, controls the holding company and ment comp analysts said that the move was expected and is line with Discount's strategy.

Dov Tadmor, managing director of Discount Investments, said that the main reason for the transaction

UBS, SBC to create No. 1 fund manager

ANDREW BLACKMAN and RETO GREGORI

ZURICH - Union Bank of Switzerland and Swiss Bank Corp., Switzerland's largest and third-largest banks, plan to unite in a share swap to create a company with a market value of about SFr 84 billion, (\$59 billion), a person familiar with the situation

While UBS shareholders will own 60 percent of the colarged bank, which will be called Uoited Bank of Switzerland, the company will be run by SBC Chief Executive Marcel Ospel. As many as 12,000 jobs will be lost, more than 5,000 of them outside Switzerland, this source said. UBS and SBC declined to comment.

The merger comes as the global bankiog industries consolidate. UBS's position as the world's third-biggest asset manager was under threat after Merrill Lynch & Co. last month said it will buy the UK's Mercury Asset Management Group Plc for \$5.2 billion, raising its assets to \$450 billion.

"It's a wise move concerning the competitiveness of Swiss banks," said Peter-Mark Vogel, a fund manager at Societe Generale Bank & Trust. "There will be a lot of synergies, but it will take time to consolidate."

A union between UBS and SBC, the owner of SBC Warburg Dillon Read, will create a banking giant with estimated assets under management of more than SFr 1 trillico, leapfrogging Fidelity to become the world's biggest money manager.

The move follows a flurry of

Group Inc. and Dean Witter, Discover & Co. merged in an \$11 billion transaction.

UBS and SBC have a combined workforce of about 58,000 people, 40,000 of them in Switzerland. The union will give the banks more clout in investment banking, and allow them to cut costs in their Swiss retail network. The Swiss units have held back rising profits from investment banking and

asset management for years. Three of the new bank's four divisions will be run by SBC managers: Gary Brinson will be head of asset management, while Johannes de Gier will run investment banking, and another unnamed SBC official will head private banking, said the person femiliar with the plan.

Stephan Haeringer, in charge of Switzerland at UBS, will be head of the combined company's retaildivision. banking Mathis Cabiallavetta, curreotly UBS's chief executive, will be chairman of the new bank, the people said. Credit Suisse Group, currently Switzerland's secood-largest financial services company, will become the biggest December 15 when it completes its acquisition of Winterthur Insurance Co. for about SFr. 15b. Swiss francs in stock

In April 1996, Credit Suisse approached UBS offering a merger, but was rebuffed by the No. 1 bank, which said it was concerned about job losses in Switzerland. UBS and SBC shares rose last week amid speculation of a merg-ĈI.

On Fridey, UBS shares reserved. 2.1%, while SBC shares rose to-

is that investors usually don't like to see one investment company holding shares in mother invest-The deal will have no negative

impact on investors, as it was done at the market price," Tadmor said. He declined to say how the company is going to use the money.

In a statement, Discount said that the deal is part of its policy of developing its investment portfo-lio and that it is interested in "specific areas." The company has stated that it intends to focos mainly on the fields of communications, infrastructure, and financial services.

Boaz Leviatan, an analyst at

Sahar Securities, said the deal will benefit shareholders. Discount Investments received the shares in Clal on various occa-

sions in the past, but it was not logical to keep on holding them, Leviatan said. "It was inappropriate for IDB to hold part of its holdings in Clal

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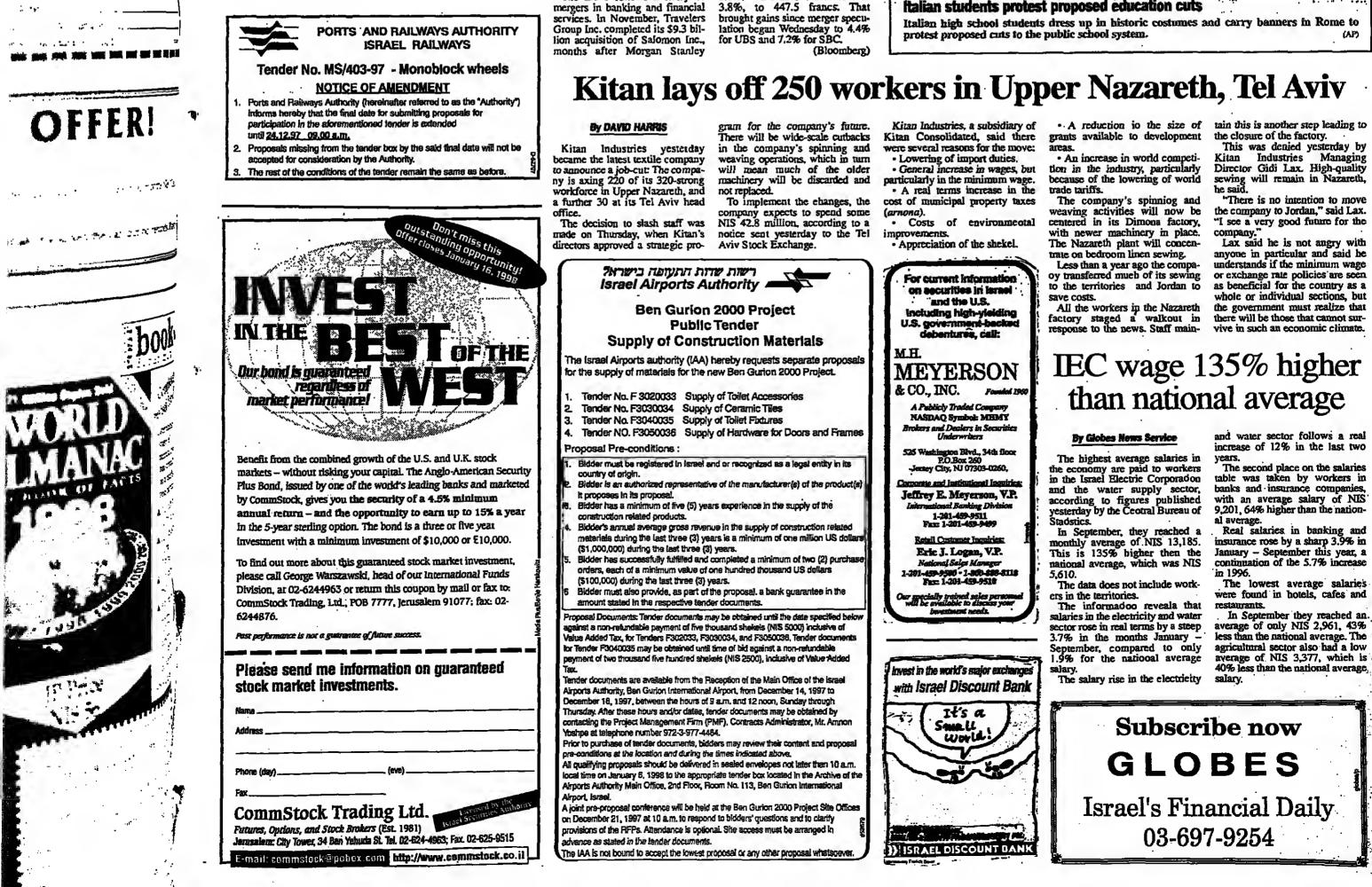
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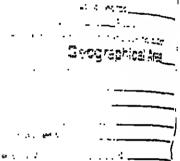
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Halla group declared bankrupt

By JUDY LEE

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SEOUL - Halla Group was declared bankrupt after it failed to repay \$215 million of debt, said an official of the Korea Exchange Bank, Halla's main creditor.

The bank said the South Korean company, which is involved in industries ranging from auto parts to shiphuilding to construction, had dehts of at least \$5.8 billion, making the bankruptcy Korea's second-largest corporate failure in history.

Korea Exchange Bank had postponed a deht payment earlier this week. The demise may be the first in a series of hankruptcies triggered by the strict conditions Korea accepted as part of its record hailout, led by the International Monetary Fund.

Coryo close to finding a buyer

By JUDY LEE

SEOUL - Coryo Securities Corp., which collapsed on Saturday after failing to repay debts, said it is holding talks with several companies and should be ready to announce a huyer next week,

Coryo, among South Korea's top 10 securities firms, became the first brokerage in Korea to fail in 14 years after it defaulted Saturday on \$295 million, more than double the its paid-in capital. Coryo's President Lee Yeon Woo declined to identify the companies with which it is in talks, but said they include financial companies. The final result of the discussions will be revealed next week. "We have made considerable

progress in our negotiations," he The brokerage's demise comes

as the entire Korean financial industry prepares to shape up, merge, or close - under the terms of an International Monetary Fund bailout that could top \$60 billion. Aboin 50 Korean public compa-nies collapsed and the benchmark KOSPI index of 775 Korean stocks lost a third of its value this year, as slowing economic growth sapped cash flow, making it harder for companies to repay debt.

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The IMF has insisted on an overhaul of Korea's crippled financial and industrial companies in return for a loan that could be as

much as \$60 hillion. "I'm afraid the whole country may collapse even without trying to reform itself," said Shin Hoo nation Shik, an economist at Daewoo Research Economic Institute. "1 doubt there will be many surviving entities when the husiness environment toughens in coming years under the IMF-led restruc-

Halla's troubles are the higgest crisis yet for the founding family of the Hyundai Group, Korea's largest industrial group. Hyundai Motor Co., the group's

flagship, plunged 7.8 percent on the Korea Stock Exchange today, while the benchmark KOSPI

index inched up 0.4%. The IMF calls for slower growth, higher taxes. reduced investment and more access to Korean industries and financial markets in return for the record global bailout for the insolvent

Halla Group said it will seek court receivership for its two of 8 major units — Halla Engincering & Heavy Industries, one of Korea's top five shipyards, and Halla Merchant Marine Co. Three other units - Mando Machinery Corp., which is Korea's largest auto parts maker,

Halla Cement Manufacturing Co. and Halla Engineering & Construction Co. - will ask for courts to reschedule deht pay-"Huge losses at our flagship

Halla Engineering hurdened the group heavily at a time when hanks stopped extending fresh loans and started calling in loans," said Park Sung Suk, a vice chairman of the group.

The collapse of Halla will be a severe hlow to the nation's auto and shipbuilding industry -Korea's key export items and the backbone of economic growth. If Mando shuts its doors, it will cripple Korea's auto industry, which tums out more than 3 million vehicles a year, as the company supplies more than 60 percent of auto parts to Hyundai Motor, Kia Motors Corp., Ssangyong Motor Co. and other domestic auto mak-

The shipbuilding industry is also al stake, as foreign clients may shun Korean shipbuilders with

bankruptcy fears of 8 mounting. The average Korean company has four times more deht than equity, leading to vulnerability when interest rates remain high and the won weakens.

The three-year corporate bond yield, the benchmark interest rate, soared to 19.95%, the highest in 15 years. The won lost 40 percent of its value this year, inflating the cost of servicing foreign debts. Halla is one of the most highly

leveraged groups in Korea. Its total debt is 20 times bigger than its equity capital.

"Halla's collapse was expected as the nation's financial crisis has deepened," said Hwang Sung Taek, a fund manager at Hyundai International Merchant Bank. "Investors started asking who will be the next [to fail]." (Bloomberg)

EU warns litaly not to lower guard

European Union commissioner Mario Monti warned Italy at the weekend not to be complacent in its bid to become a member of the European single currency, saying that more structural reforms were needed to bolster the economy.

"It is important that no country takes its membership of the single currency for granted. The final sprint should serve to overan industrial convention in this northern city.

Italian newspapers reported on Friday that Treasury Minister -Carlo Azeglio Ciampi was concerned that government allies were convinced Italy was guaranteed a place in the single currency and

were therefore seeking to dilute the 1998 budget. Monti said probably more countries than originally thought would enter the euro from its planned launch in 1999.

"haly_has to think long and hard from today onwards about what will happen the morning after it [joins the European Monetary Union]," Monti said. Reuters

No orders for new long-haul Boeing

Boeing has received no orders for an ultra-long-range model of its 777 jetliner and has slowed design work on the jet as it evaluates the program.

Boeing had hoped to launch development of the 200-scat aircraft hy the end of the year so the first plane could be delivered in late 2000. But without any orders after six months of marketing, Boeing is "assessing the cost-effectiveness" of the program,

Boeing spokeswoman Kirsti Dunn said Thursday. Boeing said it could still deliver the new twin-engine airplanes, called the 777-200/300X, hy 2000 if it receives enough orders to

justify a launch by May. The aircraft, a derivative of Boeing's popular 777 series, would be capable of flying nonstop 16,000 km., making 18-hour flights possible. The plane is being aimed at long routes, primarily in the Pacific, that don't have the passenger loads to justify the larger-capacity Boeing 747-400.

American Airlines and Delta Air Lines are expected to order the new 777 eventually under their long-term plans to buy Boeing jets over the next 20 years. Bot so far, only one airline, Malaysian Airline Systems, bas said it wants the new jet.

UN: Urban Africa jobless to reach 30% by 2000

Sub-Saharan Africa must encourage small, labor-intensive industries to generate jobs for some 8.7 million people who will: enter the labor market each year until 2010, the International Labor Organization said on Monday.

The United Nations agency said unemployment rates in Africa's urban areas were projected to approach 30 percent by the year 2000 unless action was taken to reverse the trend. This rate had already doubled over the past 15 years to 20%.

The continent has been showing its first signs of economic resurgence, with overall growth rate at 3.7% in 1995. Thirty-three of the 50 Sub-Saharan countries that year posted

growth rates that were higher than the population growth rate, according to the ILO's Jobs for Africa policy report. Real Reuters

Malaysia's Mahathir backs new policies

By MADHAY REDDY

KUALA LUMPUR (Reuters) " The current account deficit, Mahathir Mohammed yesterday the economy's sustainability, gave his backing to the new ecowas revised down to about three nomic policy measures percent of gross national product announced hy his deputy last from 4% for 1998. Economists bave landed the week to restore investor confidence and cool the economy. package but said they wanted Mahathir to endorse the mea-"We have decided on these sures. Mahathir caused some measures... hut I cannot say how much clearer we can be," he was confusion last Thursday by quoted as telling reporters at the announcing that a \$3. billion northern resort island of land hridge project to Thailand would go ahead despite interna-. Langkawi. "But certainly it is clear that tional pressure to slow down we are taking the necessary meaconstruction and infrastructure sures to restore confidence in the projects. Anwar said only the gas and economy," he said at a news conference at the end of the six-day petroleum pipeline portion of the International Langkawi project will go ahead, while the Maritime and Aerospace (LIMA rail and road sections were being '97) exhibition. deferred indefinitely. Economists told Reuters yester-He did not elaborate. day that the self-imposed austerity-Deputy Prime Minister Anwar measures will cause much adjust-Ibrahim announced on Friday ment pain in many sectors of the that the government had slashed its 1998 growth forecast, tighteconomy over the next one to two ened credit and cut spending vears. across the board. But the acknowledgement that Anwar said the measures problems exist in the economy, a would cut growth of gross change from earlier denials, will domeslic product to hetween four and five percent in 1998, help in a faster return to stability.

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Japanese environmentalists appeal for a reduction of greenhouse gas emission during a rally in Kyoto yesterday. Japan mulls stricter definition for bad loans

By JACKIE ANDREWS

TOKYO - Japan's Ministry of bureau. "The debate on the appro-Finance said it's considering a priateness of Japan's definition is include those with defaults of Exchange Commission the report stricter definition of "unrecovone reason th

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Pact to solve IAI cashflow crisis

A compromise was reached yesterday under which the government will provide funding to help Israel Aircraft Industries deal with its severe cash flow problem, the Defense Ministry announced yesterday.

Under the agreement, IAI workers will defer salary increases due on January 1, and the company agreed that future raising of working capital will take place via public share offerings. The company committed itself to take all steps necessary to prepare for such share offerings, including conducting negotiations on the matter with the workers.

According to the Defense Ministry statement, the negotiations on providing working capital for IAI took two weeks, and were conducted in recognition of the fact that IAI is a major defense and space industry, and that it has a number of significant orders, 80 percent of which are aimed at the export market.

Jerusalem Post Staff

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Brazil	1.22	3.61	1.58
Canada	0.73	2.28	0.72
France	0.98	0.98	6.89
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UK	0.62	1.23	0.89
USA	0.73	0.71	0.72

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loans. The November 24 collapse of Yamaichi Securities Co., which admitted to the equivalent of \$2.1 hillion in hidden losses on stock transactions, heightened concerns that other Japanese financial companies may have understated their dehts.

"We're now discussing changing the definition of bad loans with the major banks," said Sei

in the market." Japanese banks may hold 79 trillion yen in unrecoverable loans, more than three times the value of loans that banks officially reported as non-performing as of the end of

March, the Nihon Keizai reported on Saturday, without citing sources. The amount, worth 14 percent of the total loans extended, may reflect a broader definition of a bad loan.

will declare the amount of banks' bad loans hy mid-December, for the first time including loans that loans as non-performing when

closure by banks, the Tokyo news-The Ministry of Finance said it paper reported on Saturday, without citing sources. The standard is likely to label

Japan that might have reduced Fuji Photo Film Co.'s dominance of that country's film market.

The WTO, in a preliminary ruling yesterday, rejected Kodak's trade complaints on every count

The WTO said the Japanese government hasn't prevented Rochester, New York-based Kodak from competing fairly in Japan, according to a copy of the ruling's conclusions. Kodak shares fell 5/8 to close at 58 7/8.

Kodak loses WTO Fuji appeal Eastman Kodak Co. lost its Kodak is losing market share appeal to the World Trade in the US to archrival Fuji and Organization to force changes on was seeking a WTO ruling as a neither victory nor failure sumers prefer Fuji.

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Pound sterling	5,8969	5.8921	5.79	6.08	5.9419
French franc	0.5901	0.5997	0.58	0.51	0.5857
Japanese yan (100)	2,7249	2.7689	2.67	2.91	2.7510
Dutch florin	1,7527	1.7810	1.72	1.81	1.7687
Swiss franc .	2,4509	2,4905	2.40	2.53	2,4753
Swedish krona	0.4503	0.4576	0.44	0.47	0.4549
Norwegian krone	0.4852	0.4931	0.47	0.50	0.4899
Danish krone -	0.5188	0.5272	0.50	0.54	0.5236
Finnish mark	0.6529	0.6635	0.64	0.68	0.6590
Canadian dollar	2,4625	2,5023	2.42	2.54	2,4814
Australian dollar	2.3769	2.4153	2.33	2.45	2.3928
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Belgian franc (10)	0.9574	0.8729	0.94	0.99	0,9663
Austrian schilling (10)	2,8064	2.8517	2.75	2.90	2,8326
Italian Bra (1000)	2.0158	2.0494	1,98	2.08	2.0355
Jordanian dinar	4,9323	5.0119	4.87	5.20	4.9554
Egyptian pound	0.9900	1.0800	0.99	1.08	1.0052
ECU	3.9188	3.9800	-	-	3.9529
Irish punt	5.1527	5.2359	5.08	5.31	5.1910
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to the Nihon Keizai report. Japan's lower house finance committee Friday passed legislation allowing the semi-public Deposit Insurance Corp., a hanking system safety net, to provide money to cash-strapped banks that agree to merge.

(Bloomherg)

Kodak's chances now rest with the US government, which raised the possibility of using unilateral sanctions as a way of getting Japan to open markets Kodak regards as closed.

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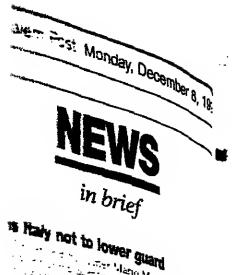
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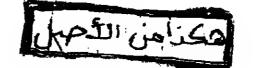
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Nebraska-Vols in Orange Bowl

NEW YORK (AP) - Nebraska made it to the Orange Bowl, and the second-ranked Cornhuskers A state of the members of the state of the s will play No. 3 Tennessee, The Vols beat Auburn 30-29 in the Southeastern Conference title game Saturday night, and the narrow win was enough to keep the Volunteers (11-1) ahead of No. 4 Florida State (10-1).

The Huskers (12-0), meanwhile. turned serious in the Big 12 title game, routing Texas A&M 54-15 to join No. I Michigan (11-0) as the only undefeated teams in Division I-A.

But the Huskers, as well as their Orange Bowl opponent, will be rooting for No. 8 Washington State (10-1) to npset the Wolverines in the Rose Bowl on January 1. If that happens, the Orange on January 2 could end up as the national title game.

At Atlanta, Peyton Manning passed for 373 yards and four TDs in a final Heisman Trophy bid, but the Vols still had to overcome six turnovers and at least a half-dozen dropped passes for their first SEC title since 1990.

With Aubum (9-3) leading 29-23, Manning hooked up with Marcus Nash on a 73-yard TD pass for the winning score with 11:14 left in the game.

At San Antonio, Ahman Green ran for 179 yards and three TDs, and Scott Frost added two TD runs as the Huskers (12-0) routed the Aggies (9-3), who will likely play No. 5 UCLA (9-2) in the Cotton Bowl.

In the Western Athletic Conference title game Saturday, No. 20 Colorado State beat New Mexico 41-13 and clinched a Holiday Bowl berth, most likely against No. 19 Missouri (7-4). The Lohos (9-3) are set for the Insight.com Bowl, prohably against Arizona (6-5).

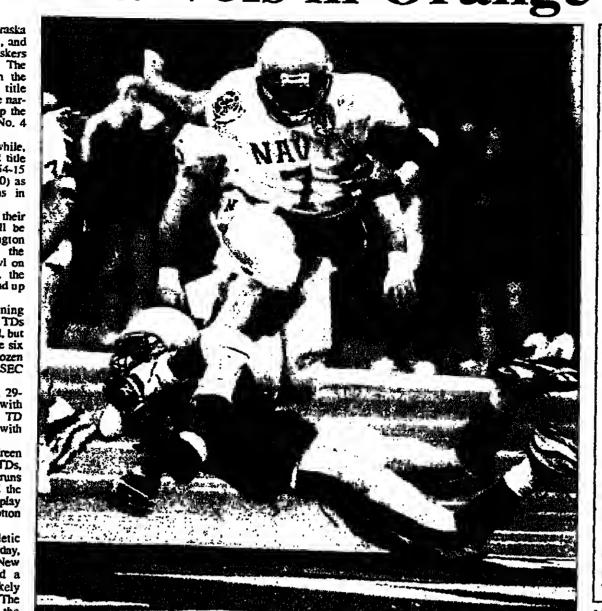
With Missouri headed for the Holiday Bowl on December 29. No, 24 Oklahoma State is set for a against No. 18 Purdne (8-3) in the Alamo Bowl on December 30.

Pairings set before Saturday include: Air Force vs. Oregon in the Las Vegas Bowl; Michigan State vs. Washington in the Aloha Bowl; Sonth Carolina State vs. Southern in the Heritage Bowl; Utah State vs. Cincinnan in the Humanitarian Bowl; Pittsburgh vs. Southern Mississippi in the

Liberty BowL Also, Marshall (10-2) beat Gator. Toledo 34-14 in the Mid-American Conference title game Friday night to earn a berth in the Motor City Bowl; Georgia Tech

didn't pay for it this time.

Texas 88-81 Saturday night.



ANCHORS AWEIGH - Navy's Chris McCoy (7) leaps over Army's Robert Brown on his way to a 15-yard gain in first-half action. The Midshipmen beat the Cadets 39-7.

(6-5) is in the Carquest Bowl and most likely will play West Virginia (7-4); and Arizona State (8-3) is in the Sun Bowl, with Iowa (7-4) the likely opponent.

Also, Notre Dame (7-5) appears headed for the Independence Bowl, with other possible matchups being Florida vs. Penn State in the Citrus, Wisconsin vs. Auburn or Georgia in the Oulback; and North Carolina vs. Virginia Tech in the

Big 12 Championship No. 2 Nebraska 54 No. 14 Texas A&M 15 The visiting Comhuskers, upset season.

Arizona rallies to beat Texas

by Texas 37-27 in last year's inaugural title game, were in no mood to fool around with the Aggies. The Huskers scored on their At Las Vegas, Kevin McDougal first seven possessions and rolled ran for 255 yards and scored on to a 37-3 halftime lead. They runs of 42, 44 and 66 yards as the

piled up 536 total yards, with Green scoring on runs of 25, 1 and 6 yards. Kris Brown added four field goals. Nebraska completed its fourth

perfect regular-season in the last five years, and is 59-3 with two national titles during that span. The only losses were to Florida State in the 1994 Orange Bowl

into 17 of those points. Navy 39, Army 7 downs, c At East Rutherford, N.L., Chris 454-87. and Arizona State and Texas last

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WAC title game had none of the

With quarterback Moses

Moreno bothered by a sore elbow,

the Rams piled up 345 yards rush-

ing and scored 24 fourth-quarter

points to break open a close game.

Colorado State turned an intercep-

tion and two fumble recoveries

drama of last year's contest.

How the college tootball Top 25 teems tared No. 1. Michigan (11-0) did not play, Nact: vs. No. 10 Washington State, Rose Bowd, Jan. 1. 2. Nebraska (12-0) best No. 14 Texas A&M 54-15. Next: vs.TBA, Orange Bowd, Jan. 2. 3. Termeses (11-1) best No. 11 Auburn 30-29. Next: TBA. 4. Florida State (10-1) did not play, Next: TBA. 5. UGLA (9-2) did not play, Next: TBA.

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17. Arizona State (8-3) did not play, Next: TBA. 18. Purdue (8-3) did not play. Next: TBA. 19. Missourii (7-4) did not play.

19. Missourii (7-4) did not play. Naut TBA. 20. Colorado State (10-2) beat New Mexico 41-13. Next: vs. TBA, Holiday Bowl, Dec. 29. 21. Washington (7-4) did not play. Naut: vs. No. 25 Michigan State, Aloha Bowl, Dec. 25. 22. Southern Mississippi (8-3) did not play. Next: vs. Platsburgh, Liberty Bowl, Dec. 31. 23. Air Force (10-2) did not play.

23. Air Force (10-2) did not play. Next: vs. Oregon, Las Veges Bowt, Dec. 20. 24. Oklahoma State (8-3) did not play, Next: TBA. 25. Michigan State (7-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 21 Washington, Aloha Bowl, Dec. 25.

McCoy made certain this group of

five-game losing streak. scores on six of its first seven possessions with TD runs of 1, 2 and 1 yard. He closed out his stellar career with an 11-yard TD . pass to LeBron Butts in the fourth quarter,

five games against Army by a total of 10 points, won by the most lopsided margin since 1973, when the Mids prevailed 51-0. In 98 meetings, only four times were there

downs, outgained the Cadets (4-7)

Aussies in 3-wicket win over Kiwis

ADELAIDE (AP) - Mark Waugh's 11th century in limited overs internationals gave Australia a thrilling three-wicket victory over New Zealand at the Adelaide Oval yesterday.

Waugh, opening the innings with Michael Di Venuto (77), scored a superb 104 off 113 as Australia scrambled past New Zealand's 260 for seven with two balls to spare.

Waugh and Di Venuto put on 156 for the first wickel in 26 overs but Australia made hard work of wrapping up the win.

Australia, New Zealand and South Africa have one win apiece from two games each in the triseries competition.

The Kiwis made a flying start to the game, with openers Man Home (31) and Nathan Astle (66) bringing up the first 50 in the seventh over and making 77 before the first wicket fell.

Captain Stephen Fleming added 69 with Astle before the opener departed and Fleming went on to make 61.

Australia pegged back the batsmen late in the innings before Roger Twose slogged 26 off 20 balls, falling in the final over to a catch on the midwicket boundary. Craig McMillan, who scored 86 as New Zealand beat South Africa at the same venue Salurday,

chimed in with a useful 43. Waugh and Di Venum, who was dropped twice, gave Australia a perfect platform in reply before the latter fell to stumping off Daniel Vctiori.

Waugh was second down with the total 202 in the 37th over and his dismissal was the first in a fall of 4-19.

Captain Steve Waugh had pro-



WAC Championship No. 20 Colorado State 41

Midshipmen wouldn't leave with-out a win over the Cadets, running for 205 yards and three TDs and passing for another as Navy ended a

McCoy led Navy (7-4) to

Navy, which lost the previous larger margins of victory.

Navy held Army to three first

Steve Waugh was lbw for seven, bringing Shane Warne in to join Bevan with 12 needed from 16 balls. Warne missed three balls in the penultimate over, bowled by Ventori to leave six runs needed

from the final six balls, bowled by Gavin Larsen. Warne took a single from the first, Bevan lofted a three over cover from the second and Warne was bowled for five off the third. Andy Bichel guided his first ball down to the vacant third man boundary for the winning four

moted wicketkeeper Adam Gilchrist to three and he made 29

Greg Blewett was out for nought.

and Ian Harvey was out for three before Sneve Waugh, batting six, and Michael Bevan at seven, guid-ed Australia from 221 to 249.

before being run out.

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runs. Sri Lanka draw with India Fading light rohbed India of a possible victory against Sri Lanka

in the third and final cricket Test in Bombay. Sri Lanka was reeling at 166 for seven when poor light deprived Indian bowlers of crucial 12 overs. Nearly 25,000 Indian supporters went home disappointed after four days of an absorbing game that saw their team dominating on a

lively wicket. Fully exploiting a turning wicket, Indian legspinner Anil Kumble and offspinner Rajesh Chauhan had the Sri Lanakn batsmen in all sorts of trouble and looked capable of bowl-

ing their side to victory. But the play was first interrupted hy brief showers. The umpires waited for nearly 20 minutes for the light to improve before calling off the test match as a draw.

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panic, ever," Terry said. المشتري الم

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behind by 20 points early in each game, opened the game 1-of-10 from the field.

AUSTIN (AP) - Arizona got off to a slow start again, but thanks to the first-half offense of Jason Terry **College Basketball**

from a 20-9 deficit thanks to Terry, and the late-game cool of Mike Bibby, the fourth-ranked Wildcats who came off the bench and scored 12 points, including two 3-pointers, in a 20-6 run, giving the Wildcats a 29-26 lead with 7:20 Terry scored 20 points, incloding 12 in a key first half run, as Arizona overcame an early 11left in the first half. point deficit, and Bibby scored

"I'm disappointed there isn't a five points in the final 49.8 secsixth man award in college basketball because if there was, Jason onds to help the Wildcats hold off Terry would get it," Arizona coach . "This is a veteran ball club, and Lute Olson said."

Jason Allison finished with a

(10-10-4) stopped 24 shots to

notch Boston's first back-to-back

wins in a month. Trevor Kidd (6-

7-0) took the loss, which ended a

three-game unbeaten streak for

Islanders 4, Coyotes 0

Carolina.

a home win

seventh of Salo's career.

The Wildcats appeared in have when we get down, we don't the game in hand after they scored nine straight points, capped by a 3-pointer hy Michael Dickerson The Wildcats, which lost hy three points to top-ranked Duke with 4:16 left for an 80-67 lead. and No. 2 Kansas after falling But Texas (3-4) tightened its defense and shut down the Wildcats while running off 10

Arizona, which has all five straight points, including 3-pointstarters back from its national ers by Kris Clack and Chico championship team, emcrged

with 52.6 seconds left.

Bihby, who finished with 19 peints, then took over for Arizona. hitting one of two free throws with 49.8 seconds left, hitting a jumper with 31.5 to play and then hitting two free throws with 20.3 left for an 87-81 lead.

Texas could only come up with a 3-pointer by Luke Axtell with 26.7 left before Miles Simon, who along with Terry finished with 20 points, hit a free throw with 4 seconds left for the Wildcats 10 round out the scoring. Ball St. 70,

No. 14 Mississippi 66 Bonzi Wells scored 34 points as host Ball State won the Cardinal Varsity Classic.

Wells scored 22 points in the second half when Ball State (5-1) overcame an 11-point deficit to record its 19th consecutive victory Vazquez, pulling within 82-78 at University Arena.

How the college basteribali Top 25 teams tand 1. Duke (8-0) beat Virginia 103-59. Next: ys. Villanove, Wednesday 2. Kansas (8-0) did not play. Next: ys. No. 23 Maryland, jest night. 3. North Carolina (9-0) beat Virginia Tech 78-57. Next: ys. No. 25 Princeton,

Saturday. 4. Arizona (5-2) beat Texas 88-81. Next: at Baylor, last night. 5. South Carolina (5-0) beat Chattenooga 67-55. Next: at No. 17 Clemson, Wednesday, Dec. 17. 8. Purdue (6-2) beat Louisville 87-89. Next: vs. Tennessee Martin, Friday. 7. Kentucky (6-1) beat Indiana 75-72. Next: at Canistus, Wednesday, 8. New Maxico (5-1) lost to No. 15 UCLA 89-68. Next: at New Mexico State,

tomorrow 8. Xavier (5-0) best W. Kentucky 93-60. Next: at Miami, Obio, tomorrow. 10. Iowa (6-0) lost to Weber State 31-59. Next: at Northern Iowa, toporrow. 11. Utah (7-0) beat No. 24 Weige Forest 62-63. Next: vs. Utah State.

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Saturday. 16. Fresno-State (3-1) did not play, Next: at No. 20 Temple, tomorrow, 17. Clemison (5-2) beat Furman 71-62. Next: vs. Illinois, Saturday. 18. Arkanses (6-0) beat Missouri 75-46. Next: at Louisville, tomorrow. 19. Florida State (6-1) beat Jacksonville 74-44. Next: vs. Florida, Sunday,

Dec. 14. 20. Temple (4-1) best Wisconsin 50-49. Next: vs. No. 16 Presno State, tomor-

TOW. 21. row.
21. Georgia (5-2) lost to No. 12 Stanbord 76-74. Next: at Colorado, tomorrow;
22. Georgia Tach (5-1) beat Delaware State 84-63. Next: at No. 7 Kentucky,
Saturday.
23. Maryland (3-2) did not play. Next: va. No. 2 Kansas, Sunday.
24. Wake Forest (6-1) lost to No. 11 Utah 62-53. Next: at Marshall,
Wednesday, Dec. 17.
25. Princeton (6-0) beat Lafayette 73-48. Next: at Bucknell, tomorrow.

Making waves

From right to left: Eilan Luski, Vladi Ostrov and Yoni Yonatanov, part of Israel's delegation to the International Swimming Championships for disahled children and youths in Miami, brought home seven gold medals, seven silver and five hronze. Israel was ranked second overall in the competition. The competitors come from ILAN (Israel Center for the Disabled) in Ramat Gan. Coach Reuven Heller stands behind his charges.

Ra'anana's Pincus shines in local rugby goal and three assists while Kyle McLaren and Ted Donato each had a pair of assists. Boston By JOEL GORDIN after the second period.

THE first "super league" game of the local rugby season was held at the Sportek yesterday when a central region team beat a northern team 31-7. Each team is made up of the best players of the clubs in the respective region. The northern team led 7-5 at half-time hut could not maintain the momentum. The north's top scorer was Ra'anana fullback Darren Pincus who dotted down two tries

and kicked a conversion. Other tries were scored by Tel Aviv 8th man Mark Goldin, Tel Aviv flank Alex Tkachenko and Netanya lock Avital Eliasov. Ra'anana fly half Darryl Edelstein kicked two conversions. For the central region, Haifa wing Herman Spangenberg scored a try and Ra'anana's Dean DuPlessis kicked a conversion. Other games yesterday: Under 19: Ra'anana 28, Rishon Lezion 5. Under 16: Yizre'el 17, Tzora 0; Hadera 32, Tivon 3. Under 12: Hadera 20, Tivon 20.

Heinze sparks Bruins past Hurricanes; Islanders' Salo shuts out Coyotes BOSTON (AP) - Steve Heinze Ron Francis had a goal and three had three goals and an assist to lead the Boston Bruins to a 4-1 penalty-killing effort in win at victory over the Carolina home. Hurricanes on Saturday night.

The Penguins rebounded from Thursday's 4-0 home loss to New Jersey that ended their 7-0-1 streak. Anaheim's winless streak extended to four games (0-3-1).

improved to 11-0 when leading After allowing a goal on Anaheim's first power-play chance, the Penguins killed the Bruins goaltender Byron Dafoe next eight shorthanded situations. They came into the game with the NHL's lowest ranked home-ice penalty killing, 74.5 percent.

Devils 4, Lightning 2 Brian Rolston scored two goals

to lead New Jersey over Tampa Tommy Salo stopped 22 shots Bay, the NHL's worst road team. Bill Guerin and Bobby Holik for his second shutout this season to lead the New York Islanders to also scored for the Devils, 11-4-0

in their last 15 games. Claude Lapointe, Todd Bertuzzi, Defensemen Roman Hamrlik Robert Reichel and Zigmund and Karl Dykhuis scored for the Palify scored for the Islanders, Lightning, who lost their 10th who have won three of their last straight road game and extended four at home. The shutout was the their road winless streak to 15 (0-14-1). The Lightning have not The Coyotes, who got 20 saves won a road game since October 9. from backup goalie Jimmy Waite. played their fourth game in six a 4-1 victory in Chicago in their first mad contest of the season.

Senalors 3, Sabres 0 nights, all in the midst of a seven-Ron Tugnut stopped 25 shots remaining to tic the score. game road trip. The Coyotes, 1-3on the trip so far, were playing and earned his first shutout of the without center Jeremy Roenick, season as Ottawa won at home. Alexandre Daigle and Shawn

who suffered a concussion in Friday night's 2-2 ue in Carolina. McEachern scored power-play Penguins 5, Mighty Ducks 2 goals as the Senators snapped Jaromir Jagr scored twice and Buffalo's four-game unbeaten

Randy Cunneyworth added an empty-netter with 48 seconds left in the game. Rangers 3, Canadiens 3

Adam Graves scored with 5:23 left in the third period to give struggling New York a ne with host Montreal, extending the Rangers' winless streak to eight

games, It was the 11th tie of the season for the Rangers, who played Philadelphia to a 4-4 draw Friday night. New York is 0-4-4 in its last eight games.

Maple Leafs 7, Kings 2 Mats Sundin and Sergei Berezin each scored two goals as Toronto recorded its largest margin of victory this season with a home win. The Maple Leafs, scored at least

two goals in each period. · Blues 4, Flames 3 (OT) Geoff Courtnall scored with 22

seconds left in overtime to lift St. Louis to a home win. Courtnall scored from a pilcup in front of the net after taking a

pass from Brett Hull. The game went into overtime after Calgary's German Titov

scored with less than nine minutes

Avalanche 6, Canucks 4 Eric Lacroix scored two goals and Peter Forsberg and Joe Sakic had a pair of assists each as Colorado remained unbeaten in six games with a home victory.

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SPORTS

Support for Sprewell is misguided MEXICO CITY (AP) - The NBA'S first regular-season earth

Few things in the culture these that."I don't mean my father - I days spark a firestorm like a professional athlete in trouble. The discussion of the NBA's oneyear suspension of Latrell Sprewell on Thursday has quickly moved from sports channels to general talk radio, from sports agents to Johnnie Cochran, from the seemingly simple issue of "Kid, you got so much game and the conflict

between a play-

er and his

coach to a com-

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COMMENT

By MICHAEL WILBORN tion that has introduced Thursday's Washington Post, I wrote a column saying the NBA did exactly the right thing in suspending Sprewell for choking his coach, P.J. Carlesimo, then coming back 20 can't do that." minutes later to resume the

attack. Friday and Saturday the calls streamed in, usually - and unfortunately - along pre-dictable lines. Most of the white callers said they saw an out-ofcontrol punk who in any walk of life would have been fired for assaulting his superior. About half the hlack callers said a coach has no husiness screaming in the face of a grown man and that the suspension, which will cost Sprewell \$25 millioo, is grossly unfair and in some way prejudiced.

I wasn't surprised, which is probably the sad thing. But what worries me more than the predictable stereotypical reacoons is the referendum-on-race subplot that may take over the entire Sprewell-Carlesimo dehate in the next few days.

A few months ago, US News & World Report had a cover story asking if professional sports are bad for black America. Issues such as the one now involving Sprewell are why I can't just kiss off the question with an unequivocal, "No."

It's frightening to me, as a black man who makes a living in the sports iodustry, that any behavior demonstrated hy a black athlete - no matter how criminal or immoral - is so easily excused by a large segment of my community. Black athletes oow have reached the status formerly accorded only hlack preachers: They don't have to be accountable to anyooe. Mike Tyson can say on camera that he has dooe worse to women than whatever he did to Desiree Washington, and black women say Tysoo is being persecuted by

white folk and the media. The Sprewell case isn't that

mean a coach, a neighbor, a

hystander. "Son, we'll run you out of here if you say that again." Or, "Young man, you sass that referee one more time and you're suspeoded for the season."

But what's the message now? so much money

you can do whatever you want to. We'll su pport you." That's not support, it's negligence.

We've oeglected to tell a generation of ballplayers that their ability to shoot or tackle and run doesn't preclude them from being civil. There are fewer and fewer brothers out there with the guts to tell these kids, "Son, you

Fewer leaders, more apologists. The whole world is a groupie-io-waiting. You might be perceived as an Uncle Tom if you tell youngster to mind authority, shut his mouth and play ball.

Every kid in America, hlack and white, knows the ins and outs and all the subtleties of the culture of basketball. Coaches get in your face. It's a law. You think Bill Russell and John Havlicek didn't want to choke Red Auerbach until his eyes fell out? You think Grant Hill and Lindsey Hunter wouldn't like to dump Doug Collins into the river this very second? If screaming in a player's face was a

crime, John Thompson and Boh Knight would be on death row. Would Carlesimo's hully, screaming behavior be tolerated in the corporate workplace? Of course not. But the NBA isn't the day-to-day workplace. Everyday folks don't make \$7.7 million, as Sprewell does. When yoo so happily cash that paycheck, it's clearly understood you've sold yourself into the culture of sports, in this case basketball. You take the booing,

the newspaper's criticism, the coach's maniacal screaming. Period. And you don't choke or fight. If you dou't want to adhere to the rules of the culture, fine, get out. I often sit right beside the

bench at NBA games and think, "If a coach said that stuff in my face, I'd kill him."

College basketball coaches, in particular - virtually all of them - can downright humiliate you because they often behave like cavemen. But it's the trade-off athletes have accepted since the beginning of time, and they me it's about Carlesimo being white or some "plantatioo mentality." You think Carlesimo hasn't been in the face of white players? Ask Arvydas Sabonis, who played for Carlesimo in Portland.

in Mexico was a success for the league - and the Houston Rockets. Charles Barkley had 19 points and 17 rebounds as the Houston Rockets beat the Dallas Mavericks

108-106 before a Saturday sellout crowd of of 20,635 at the Sports Palace. The game was sold out two days in advance and scalpers were sell-

ing \$11 tickets for \$37.50 - 11 days' work at minimum wage. Michael Finley scored a career-

high 35 points for Dallas, which was playing its secood game under coach Don Nelson, who took over Wednesday after Jim Cleamons was fired.

Knicks 90, Hornets 79 John Starks scored 27 points and Charlie Ward sparked a thirdquarter surge that gave New York Knicks its sixth straight home vic-

Starks had 16 of his points in the second quarter and Ward scored all 10 of his in the third, including a pair of 3-pointers and a layup that allowed the Knicks to break open a close game.

The victory snapped a two-game losing streak for New York that included a dreadful performance in a 105-91 loss Thursday night at Dallas.

The Knicks righted themselves by overcoming 24 turnovers and holding the Hornets to 35 percent shooting that included a 3-for-13 performance hy Glen Rice and a 4-for-15 outing by David Wesley. The Homets have lost four of their last five after starting the sea-

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Timberwolves 103 Chris Webber had 33 points and 12 rebounds as Washington remained perfect in its new home. Juan Howard added 26 points for the Wizards, who are 3-0 at the MCI Ceoter after opening the sea-son 0-5 in their old huilding, the

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Thicves try to sell Ted Williams' rings – to son

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BOSTON (AP) - Three men accused of try-ing to sell championship rings once owned by Boston Red Sox ereat Ted Williams back to Williams has the 6th highest batting average Sox American League, Championship, rings

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less.

Grant Hill says players in his sport need to be tested for marijuana, and you don't even hear two hands clapping. Sprewell assaults a white coach and there's a oational black posse riding to the rescue.

When I was growing up playing various sports, there was always some responsible figure - a hlack figure, by the way there to say, "Son, you can't do

Every time there's a confrontation in sports these days, I find myself hoping it's betweeo people of the same race so we don't have to deal with this foolish-(The Washington Post) oess.

the slugger's son were under arrest after a police sting operation. The rings, which Williams had given to his .

son, John Henry Williams, were offered to the younger Williams for \$90,000:

The arrests were made Thursday night when the younger Williams and an undercover FBI agout met with two of the accused men for the exchange of the sings and money. "These gays must have been out in left field.

to try to sell these storen migs back to John Henry, Williams, US Attorney Donald K.⁴¹ Stem said. "Ted Williams canted these rings. the second s

of all time, and is 10th among all time home run hitters - hitting 521 homers in his 19 years at bat.

Daniel P. Dunn, Gary Raso and Philip Castinetti wero charged with selling two. championship rings that they knew had been stolen from John Henry Williams.

The three men are charged with possession of stolen property.

They face up to 10 years in jail and a \$250,000 fine. "The complaints allege that Williams' son was initially contacted by Castinetti about

and a 1946 Red Sox, American League cham pionship ring. John Henry Williams had a three way tele phone conversation on Monday with Duny and Raso, who were at Castinetti's sponting goods store in Everett, according to the com

plaints. During the conversation, when John Henry Williams told the men that the migs had been stolen, Raso and Domi were said to have replied that was not their concern cande Williams would have to pay \$90,000 to get the rings back.

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De La Hoya retains WBC welterweight crown

ATLANTIC CITY (AP) Oscar De La Hoya did oothing to change Wilfredo Rivera's opinion of him.

Before the fight Saturday night at Convention Hall, Rivera called De La Hoya a great champion. He said it again, oot long after De La Hoya knocked him down, turned his face into a bloody mask and stopped him with 12 seconds left in the eighth round of De La Hoya's WBC welterweight title defeose.

"This was Oscar's night," the 28-year old Rivera said. "I am a great challenger."

He certainly was a game one on this cold night along the Boardwalk. Rivera was battered almost from the opening bell in failing for the third ome to win the WBC's 147-pound (66.7-kilo) title.

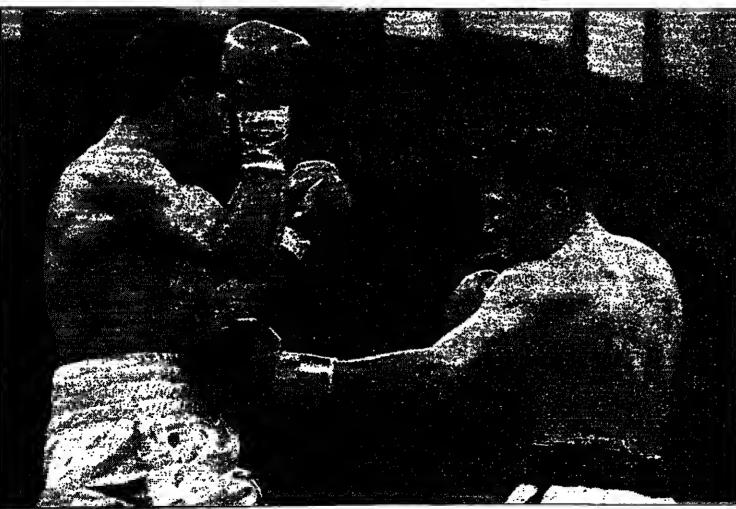
He failed twice in 1996 against Pernell Whitaker, from whom the 24-year-old De La Hoya won the championship April 12.

The De La Hoya fight ended wheo referee Joe Cortez stopped the action at 2:48 of the eighth round with blood streaming from a cut-over Rivera's right eye. Cortez called the ringside physician into the ring to examine the wound, and he recommended the fight be stopped. "I couldn't see out of my right

eye," Rivera said. "The ref had to stop it."

After seven rouods, Judge Richie Davies of England had De La Hoya leading 70-63. Judge Sergio Silvi of Italy favored the champion 68-63. John Riley of New Jersey had De La Hoya up 69-63.

A compubox puoch analysis of the fight showed De La Hoya landing 176 of 375 punches while Rivera connected oo only 84 of 494.



STILL TOPS - WBC welterweight champ Oscar De La Hoya (r) lands a body punch against Wilfredo Rivera. De La Hoya won on an eighth-round TKO.

the count of 5 and lasted the De La Hoya, who weighed the class limit, opened the cut over Rivera's eye with a left hook in the second round. The cut hled from

then on. De La Hoya knocked dowo Rivera with a right hand at 2:36 of the fourth round. Rivera got up at

round, but took severe punishment thereafter. "He was the strongest fighter I have ever faced," De La H said with obvious admiration. "He had a hig heart. "When I had him cut badly, my

corner told me to behave like a champ, like Sugar Ray Robinson, take my time and get him out of the ring.

De La Hoya, who now must make a mandatory defense against Patrick Charpentier of France in February at Las Vegas, boosted his

record to 27-0 with 22 knockouts. He earned \$6 million, increasing his total earnings in five fights this year to \$33m.

Rivera earned \$350,000 for only his third defeat. He also has 27 wins with a draw and 18 knockouts.

Umpire chief: No way to speed up baseball

NEW YORK (AP) - During the World Series, Bud Selig promised that baseball will shorten game times next season.

"The Unfinished Symphony had a better chance of finishing before that game last night," the acting commissioner said after watching Game 3 drag on for 4 hours, 12 minutes - two minutes short of the Series record for a nine-inning game.

Since theo, however, the umpires have not been approached about any changes to speed things up, such as making hitters stay io the batter's box.

"You cannot enforce that," umpires' union head Richie Phillips said Friday. "You can urge the players into the box, but if the player says, 'I have something in my eye; I have a pehble in my shoe,' you can't stop players from going outside the box."

And what about applying the rule that pitchers must throw a pitch within 20 seconds when there aren't any runners? "Where is the cutoff?. First off, how are you going to time it if you're an umpire? Are you going to stare at a stopwatch between every pitch?"

The average time of game during this year's World Series was 3:31. Nine-inning games averaged 3:01 in the AL during the regular season, up from 2:52 in 1991. Nine-inning games in the NL averaged 2:52, up from 2:46 in 1991. Phillips hlames television and

players for long games, "Television has created what I'll

call the preening syndrome," Phillips said. "If a guy steals a base, the guy stands there and dusts himself off for 40 seconds because he's knows televisioo is on him and he wants to give Joe

Morgan time to talk about what a great slide he's made. The players like the delay because they know this it focuses attentioo on them. When atteotion is riveted on them, they want the world to stop."

Code of conduct Phillips also is angry nothing has happened on the code of conduct that Selig promised after the Roberto Alomar spitting incident with umpire John Hirschbeck on the final weekend of the 1996 regular season.

There was a big meeting at Palm Beach, Florida, last winter and there have been smaller meetings since, hut no progress.

Players, usually successful at defeating or lessening discipline, have little interest.

"Bud was oever really serious about that mission," Phillips said. "The mission he initiated apparently was for the purpose of get-ting himself off the hot spot because of his inaction."

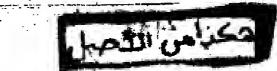
Alomar received a five-game suspension from AL president Gene Budig. Because the second baseman had the players' association initially appeal the penalty, he didn't have to serve it until the start of the 1997 regular season.

"The players have no interest whatsoever," Phillips said. "They want anarchy."

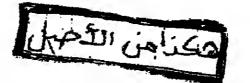
Interleague dates

All interleague games next season will be confined to June 5-11 and June 22-July 2. Last year, they were two groups in June and one from August 28-September 3.

While the first two rounds drew a great deal of attention, officials thought the third round detracted from the pennant races. Now all interleague games will be played before the All-Star hreak.



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WHAT'S ON

border win CLASSICAL MUSIC MICHAEL AJZENSTADT master Pranav Tabla Chattergee, one of India's leading classical musicians, performs in an evening of Indian music. logether with sarod virtuoso Senjay Kumar Sharma and Ranu Sharma on the taanpara. Tonight at the Israel Museum Jerusalem, Wednesday at the Tel Aviv Museum, and Saturday at the Haifa Museum (8:30). Chamber music by Emest Lev will be performed sonight at the

Jaffa Music Center (8:30). Among ine participants are flutist Noam Buchman, the Israel Saxophone Quartet, and soprano Ela Rosner.

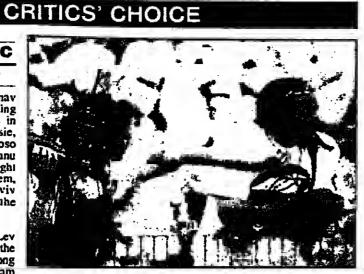
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HELEN KAYE

Alein is die Neshume Rein is mumaloschen's succinct way of saying that people need people because the lone soul is an empty place. And who better to put the point across than Yankele Bodo. who has spent a lifetime making people laugh (and cry) in Yiddish? The YiddiShpiel production is directed by Shmuel Atzmon tonight at the Pardess Hanna Cultural Center at 8. (Yiddish with simultaneous Hebrew translation.)

TELEVISION

The wave of immigration from the various countries of the former USSR has greatly increased Israeli standards and achievements in various fields of sports. Another group of immigrants who can contribute are Ethiopians. A look



Adi Japhet-Fuchs films 'Arkadi & Mukat,' which airs on Channel 8 tonight.

at the cooperation and friendship betweeo two such immigrants is beautifully portrayed in the documentary film Arkadi & Mukai, on Channel 8 at 9:30 p.m. Mukat Derba, an 18-year-old Ethiopian immigrant who was the reigning Israeli champion, went to Sydney in 1996 to compete in the world Youth Championships in the 10,000meter race. His trainer, 50-year old Arkadi Sakler, trained him tirelessly, with hardly any official support. The film follows their months of training in Israel and abroad and looks at how they bridge the cultural and language barriers between them, as well as contend with all the difficulties of being new immigrants in a strange country. Elana Chipman

This is one film you absolutely cannot miss! It's the irrepressible 1941 movie version of the Kaufman and Hart classic play The Man Who Came to Dinner. It stars Monty Woolley as the awful Sheridan Whiteside, Jimmy Durante as Banjo, and Bette Davis as Maggie Cutler. It's part of the Keshel nostalgia series on Channel 2 after the midnight news tonight. Helen Kaye

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Huber defeats Hingis

FRANKFURT (AP) - Anke Huber of Germany battled five sets for an upset of top favorite and World No. 1 Martina Hingis in the final of the first Masters of Champions tennis tournament yesterday.

The match, Huber's only tournament win this season, started off as expected with the 17-year-old Hingis rushing off to a 6-2 first set win.

Huber pulled even taking the second set 6-3, with Hingis bouncing back with a 6-2 third set, and Huber winning the fourth with the identical result as Hingis appeared to be tiring.

Then the battle started.

Hingis held her serve in the first game of the fifth set, then broke Huber's serve in the second game at zero, with the help of one of many net rollers in the match, and a double-fault by Huber.

But the 23-year-old Huber, who has dropped from No. 6 in world rankings to 14 this season, got a rebreak against Hingis in the third game then held her own serve to tie the last set at 2-2.

Both women held their services to go to 5-5, with the volleys getting longer and the crowd loudly applauding as the two cbased down shots that seemed impossible to return.

But the young Swiss star tired and in the 11th game and with the help of yet another net roller. Huber broke Hingis' service to pull ahead 6-5.

TAMPA (AP) - The Green Bay Packers aren't ready to relinquish supremacy in the NFC Central. The defending Super Bowl champions clinched their third straight division title, as well as a first-round bye in the playoffs, with a 17-6 victory over the Tampa Bay Buccaneers yesterday. With the second-place Bucs needing a victory to earn their first playoff berth since 1982, the game was billed as Tampa Bay's biggest since the franchise appeared in the 1979 NFC title game.

The crowd of 73,523 at Houlihan's Stadium was the largest ever to watch a Bucs home game and saw Brett Favre throw two touchdown passes to become the first quarterback in NFL histo-ry to throw for 30 TDs in four consecutive seasons.

Favre, the two-time league MVP, threw 43 yards to Robert Brooks and 8 yards to Dorsey Levens for scores before leading an 88-yard field goal drive that lasted more than 10 minutes to put the game out

of reacb with 6:24 to go. Chiefs 30, Raiders 0 The Chiefs (11-3) outgained the Raiders 418-93 and piled up 27 first downs to five for Oakland (4-

While beating their old rivals for the 15th time in 17 meetings, the Chiefs amassed 214 yards rushing and allowed just 36.

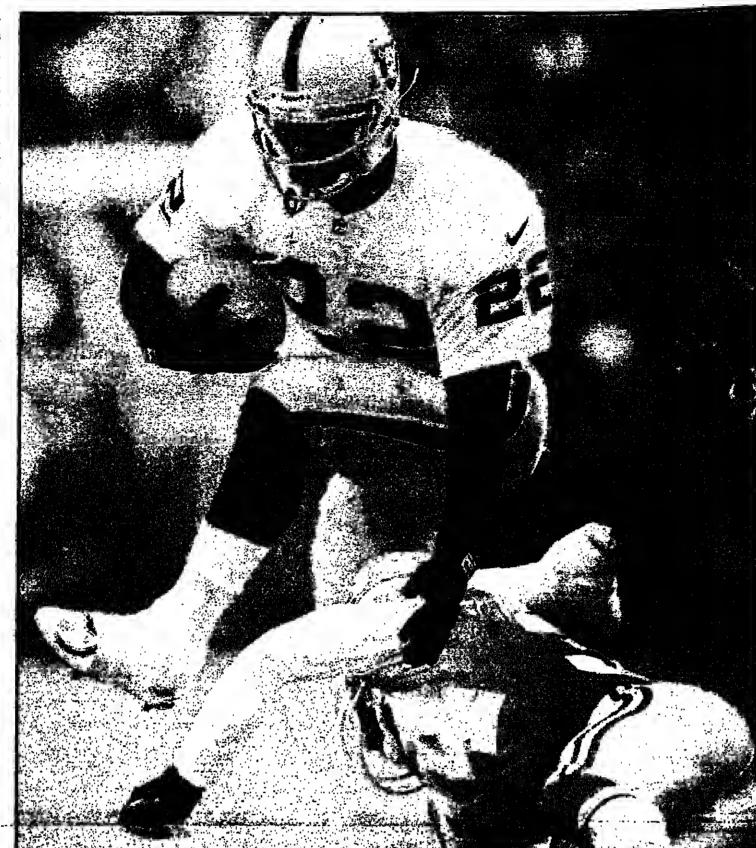
The Raiders, who came into the game tied for third in the NFL with 37 toucbdowns, got close to scoring only once, when James Jett dropped a pass in the end zone. Then Wayne Simmons sacked Jeff George for a 10-yard loss on fourth down,

Ricb Gannon, 4-1 in relief of the injured Elvis Grbac, ran for one toucbdown and passed for another, and Pete Stoyanvicb, running his consecutive field goal string to 16, hit two in the first balf and one in the second.

Steelers 35, Broncos 24 Host Pittsburgb practiced in secret all week to alter their defense. What the Denver Broncos never guessed was the biggest change would come on offense

Kordell Stewart, beating John Elway at his own comeback game, threw three touchdown passes to Yancey-Thigpen in the first-half; then ran for two scores as the Steelers rallied for a victory that might force Denver onto the road

in the playoffs. By squandering a 21-7 lead, the Broncos (11-3) fell behind in the race for bome-field advantage througbout the AFC playoffs.



LOW HURDLES - Raiders RB Harvey Williams (22) leaps over Chiefs' Dale Carter to gain seven yards in first-quarter action. Kansas City shut out Oakland 30-0. (Reuters)

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LOCAL SOCCER - Menashe Nuriel resigned as coach of Hapoel

Ashkelon yesterday. The cinb's record is 3 wins, 2 draws and 8

SOCCER - Brazil beat South Africa 2-1 in a friendly in

Johannesburg yesterday. Scorers: South Africa — Helman Mikhalele 72. Brazil: Romario 10, Bebeto 37.

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Eilat grabs share of first place

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Happel Eilat drove seven hours for its game last night against Maccabi Kiryat Motzkin, and the trip was worth every pothole as Eilat used a late 16-4 blitz to win 99-95 yesterday, and tie Maccabi Tel Aviv for first place in the final game of the first round of National

Basketball League action. Thanks to 27 points and six rebounds by Derrick Hamilton, Eflat recovered in time from a 91-83 Kiryat Motzkin lead late in the second half as they turned up their vaunted fast break just in time to knock off the gritty Kiryat Motzkin side.

Marking store. Meanwhile, Maccabi Tel Aviv was falling victim to its own shod-dy play. A hoop by Maccabi Ramat Gan's Lance Miller under-neath store he feled Bandy Fithing neath after he faked Randy White out of his shoes with just four ticks left on the clock led Ramat Gan to the amazing \$8-87 victory.

Jerusalem meanwhile won a nail-biter of its own, with Kenny Williams scoring just before the buzzer to beat Bnei Herzliya 72-71.

Elsewhere, Hapoel Galil Elyon beat Maccabi Netanya 89-83, Maccabi Ra'anana whipped Hapoel Holon 91-84 and Maccabi Rishon Lezion beat Givat Shmuel, 88-86.

Hapoel Eilat 99 Maccabi Kiryat Motzkin 95 It took forever to get the game started after both baskets were found to be too low and the game clock couldn't be started, but once they took the floor, Eilat's offense looked like it was going to make the game a day at the beach, with Amir Katz, Eddie Alisima and Hamilton scoring practically at will on fast breaks. But led by Karmiel Springer, Kiryat Motzkin (4-7) roared back into the game. That's when Hamilton decided enough was enough, took over the offense, and led Eilat (8-3) to a share of first .

Maccabi Ramat Gan 88 Maccabi Tel Aviv 87

With Efes Pilsen looming on the horizon Thursday night, Maccabi (8-3) could ill afford to mess around in Ramat Gan (4-7), but they managed to fritter away a 74-67 lead in the second half as Miller and Norris Coleman led the home club back, proving again that there's no such thing as a sure thing in the league this

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Hingis fought to come back in the last game going ahead 30-0, but Huber recovered to win the set 7-5 and her only tournament of the year.

Hingis finished the 1997 season with a record of 79-6.

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AFC West with Kansas City (11-3) - and the Chiefs own the tiebreaker. Giants 31, Eagles 21 The visiting Giants defense

ended Bobby Hoying's bot streak and Danny Kanell beld his starting job and the Giants' division lead.

The Giants pressured Hoying They are in a first-place tie in the into two fumbles and three interceptions, and Kanell responded to coach Jim Fassel's threat of a benching with three touchdown passes as the Giaots beat Philadelphia.

Tiki Barber chipped in with 114 Philadelphia's playoff chances. yards rushing and a toucbdown The Eagles (6-7-1) will have to catch as New York ran for 208 win two games on the road, where

yards against the Eagles defense. it is 0-5-1 this season.

That gave the Giants (8-5-1) a Kanell entered the game oo ootice from Fassel that he needed sweep of the season series with to produce scores to keep his job. their NFC East rival, assuring them of the tiebreaker advantage He was 14-of-27 for 153 yards over the Eagles. And it all but killed and had an interception returned for a touchdown - the first five TDs in this game were either scored off turnovers or set up by them.

Pts Maccabi Tel Aviv Hapoel Eifat Baei Herzliya NY Giants 31, Philadelphia 21 Galil-Elyou Maccabi R Leziou Marcabi Ra'anana Hapoel ferusalem Maccabi Ramat Gan Hapoel Holon Kiryat Hotzkin Givat Sumuel Maccabi Netanya

> Chelsea to face Utd in FA Cup

LONDON (Reuters) - Chelsea were handed the toughest possible start to their defense of the FA Cup when yesterday's draw for the third round dealt them a home tie against league champions Manchester United.

United and Chelsea, currently first and second in the Premier League, last met in the Cup in the 1996 semifinal which United won 2-1 at Villa Park.

Premier League – Wimbledon 1, Southampton 0. FA Cup – Second Round: Bournemouth 3, Bristol City 1. Scottish Premier: Rangers 1, Hibernian 0. In another all-Premier League tie, relegation-threatened Everton, who beat United in the 1995 Cup final, were drawn at home against Newcastle United, who chalked up the last of their six victories in 1955.

Liverpool were drawn at home to Coventry, Derby County will play Southampton, while Barnsley and Bolton will meet at Barnsley. Arsenal were drawn against first division Port Vale, Tottenhanı play second division Fulham.

Leeds and Scotland great Bremner dies at 54 LONDON (Reuters) - Former Scotland captain Billy Bremner, short in stature but forever linked with the great years of Leeds United and their manager Don Revie, died yesterday after a heart attack. He would have been 55 tomorrow.

The flame-baired midfielder, who was capped 54 times and played in the 1974 World Cup, died in hospital in the northern town of Doncaster where he started out in management in 1978 after 585 league games for Leeds and 61 for Hull

Brenner joined Leeds in December 1959 after being rejected by both Arsenal and Cheisea who felt that at 5-foot-5 - a similar stature to that of Kevin Keegan or Diego Maradona - he was too small to make the grade.

Both clubs would regret it later. The Scot made his league debut the next

month against Chelsea and swiftly became a tled You Get Nowt For Being Second - a fitting key man in Revie's squad as a tough, uncompromising tackler with a huge sense of commitment and an equal abundance of talent.

"That little man should have a halo around his head when he plays because be has a talent which comes from Heaven," former Liverpool manager Bill Sbankly once said.

With Leeds, Bremner won two English league titles and the FA Cup as well as finishing European Cup runners-up in 1975 after losing 2-0 to Bayern Munich in Paris.

Revie, who left Leeds to manage England in 1974, came to value him so highly that he threatened to resign when directors suggested Bremner be sold to raise money.

Bremner was the epitome of Leeds' vices and virtues. He liked a cigarette and a glass of whiskey and yet his autobiography was entititle for a man bent on winning.

Bremner became captain at Leeds in 1968, " the season after one of his great matches against Chelsea at Elland Road when be scored from an overhead kick and Leeds won

In 1969 Leeds won the league title - their first ever - and in 1970, he was voted footballer of the year. Scotland failed to qualify for the World Cup

that year but they made sure of an appearance in 1974. In 1975, Bremner was dropped by Scotland after a nightclub brawl following a match in

Copenhagen. He moved to Hull in 1976 for £35,000 but returned to Leeds as manager in 1985, a job that lasted three years.

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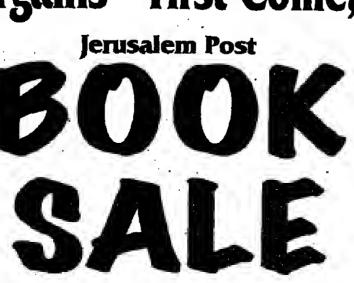
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